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(54) VARIANT PHOSPHOENOLPYRUVATE CARBOXYLASE, GENE THEREOF, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACID

(57) A variant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase that is not substantially inhibited by aspartic acid is produced by introducing a variant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene, such as one wherein the 625th glutamic acid residue from the N-terminus of the carboxylase has been replaced by a lysine residue or one wherein the 438th arginine residue has been replaced by a cysteine residue, into *Escherichia coli* or a coryneform bacterium. An amino acid can efficiently be produced by using this carboxylase.

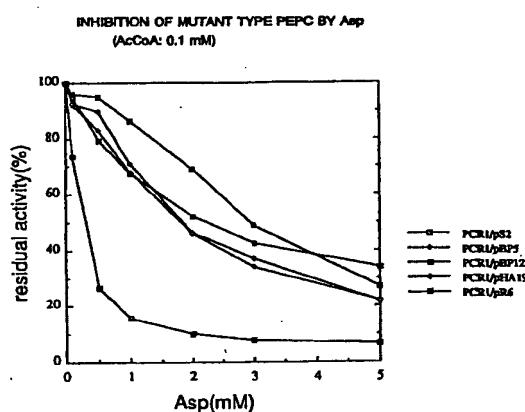


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Description**TECHNICAL FIELD**

5 The present invention relates to a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, a gene coding for it, and a production method of an amino acid, and in particular relates to a gene having mutation to desensitize feedback inhibition by aspartic acid, and utilization thereof.

BACKGROUND ART

10 Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase is an enzyme which is found in almost all bacteria and all plants. The role of this enzyme resides in biosynthesis of aspartic acid and glutamic acid, and supply of C4 dicarboxylic acid to the citric acid cycle for maintaining its turnover. However, in the fermentative production of an amino acid using a microorganism, there have been few reports on effects of this enzyme has not been made clear (Atsushi Yokota and Isamu Shiio, Agric. 15 Biol. Chem., 52, 455-463 (1988), Josef Cremer et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol., 57, 1746-1752 (1991), Petra, G. Peters-Weintisch, FEMS Microbiol. Letters, 112, 269-274 (1993)).

15 By the way, the amino acid is a compound which universally exists in cells as components of proteins, however, for the sake of economic energy metabolism and substance metabolism, its production is strictly controlled. This control is principally feedback control, in which the final product of a metabolic pathway inhibits the activity of an enzyme which 20 catalyzes the earlier step of the pathway. Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase also undergoes various regulations in expression of its activity.

25 For example, in the case of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of microorganisms belonging to the genus Corynebacterium or the genus Escherichia, the activity is inhibited by aspartic acid. Therefore, the aforementioned amino acid biosynthesis, in which phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase participates, is also inhibited by aspartic acid.

30 In the prior art, various techniques have been developed for efficient production in amino acid fermentation, and fermentative production has been carried out for leucine, isoleucine, tryptophan, phenylalanine and the like by using mutant strains converted to be insensitive to feedback control. However, there has been known neither mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase converted to be insensitive to inhibition by aspartic acid, nor attempt to utilize it for fermentative production of amino acids of the aspartic acid family and the glutamic acid family.

35 On the other hand, ppc gene, which is a gene coding for phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of Escherichia coli, has been already cloned, and also determined for its nucleotide sequence (Fujita, N., Miwa, T., Ishijima, S., Izui, K. and Katsuki, H., J. Biochem., 95, 909-916 (1984)). However, there is no report of a mutant in which inhibition by aspartic acid is desensitized.

40 The present invention has been made from the aforementioned viewpoint, an object of which is to provide a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase with substantially desensitized feedback inhibition by aspartic acid, a gene coding for it, and a utilization method thereof.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

45 As a result of diligent investigation in order to achieve the aforementioned object, the present inventors have found that the inhibition by aspartic acid is substantially desensitized by replacing an amino acid at a specified site of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of Escherichia coli with another amino acid, succeeded in obtaining a gene coding for such a mutant enzyme, and arrived at completion of the present invention.

50 Namely, the present invention lies in a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, which originates from a microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia, and has mutation to desensitize feedback inhibition by aspartic acid, and a DNA sequence coding for the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.

55 The present invention further provides microorganisms belonging to the genus Escherichia or coryneform bacteria harboring the DNA fragment, and a method of producing an amino acid wherein any of these microorganisms is cultivated in a preferable medium, and the amino acid selected from L-lysine, L-threonine, L-methionine, L-isoleucine, L-glutamic acid, L-arginine and L-proline is separated from the medium.

Incidentally, in this specification, the DNA sequence coding for the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, or a DNA sequence containing a promoter in addition thereto is occasionally merely referred to as "DNA sequence of the present invention", "mutant gene" or "phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene."

The present invention will be explained in detail hereinafter.

(1) Mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase

The mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention (hereinafter simply referred to as "mutant enzyme") lies in the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia, which 5 has mutation to desensitize the feedback inhibition by aspartic acid.

Such mutation may be any one provided that the aforementioned feedback inhibition is substantially desensitized without losing the enzyme activity of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, for which there may be exemplified mutation which, when a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase having the mutation is allowed to exist in cells of a micro-organism belonging to the genus Escherichia, gives the cells resistance to a compound having the following properties:

10 it exhibits a growth inhibitory action against a microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia which produces a wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase;

the aforementioned growth inhibitory action is recovered by existence of L-glutamic acid or L-aspartic acid; and it inhibits wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase activity.

More concretely, there may be exemplified, as counted from the N-terminus of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase:

(1) mutation to replace 625th glutamic acid with lysine;

(2) mutation to replace 222th arginine with histidine and 223th glutamic acid with lysine, respectively;

20 (3) mutation to replace 288th serine with phenylalanine, 289th glutamic acid with lysine, 551th methionine with isoleucine and 804th glutamic acid with lysine, respectively;

(4) mutation to replace 867th alanine with threonine;

(5) mutation to replace 438th arginine with cysteine; and

(6) mutation to replace 620th lysine with serine.

25 Incidentally, as the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia, an amino acid sequence, which is deduced from a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene of Escherichia coli (Fujita, N., Miwa, T., Ishijima, S., Izui, K. and Katsuki, H., J. Biochem., 95, 909-916 (1984)), is shown in SEQ ID NO:2 in the Sequence listing. In addition, an entire nucleotide sequence of a plasmid pT2, which contains the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene of Escherichia coli, is shown in SEQ ID NO:1 together with the amino acid sequence.

30 The aforementioned mutant enzymes are encoded by DNA sequences of the present invention described below, which are produced by expressing the DNA sequences in Escherichia coli and the like.

(2) DNA sequence of the present invention and microorganisms harboring the same

35 The DNA sequence of the present invention is DNA sequences coding for the aforementioned mutant enzymes, and has mutation to desensitize feedback inhibition of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase by aspartic acid in coding regions in DNA fragments coding for phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia.

40 Concretely, there may be exemplified a DNA Sequence coding for the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase having the mutation of any one of the aforementioned (1) to (6), for example, with respect to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, there may be exemplified a DNA sequence having any one of:

i) mutation to convert GAA of base Nos. 2109-2111 into AAA or AAG;

45 ii) mutation to convert CGC of base Nos. 900-902 into CAT or CAC, and GAA of 903-905 into AAA or AAG, respectively;

iii) mutation to convert TCT of base Nos. 1098-1100 into TTT or TTC, GAA of 1101-1103 into AAA or AAG, ATG of 1887-1889 into ATT, ATC or ATA, and GAA of 2646-2648 into AAA or AAG, respectively;

iv) mutation to convert GCG of 2835-2837 into any one of ACT, ACC, ACA and ACG; and

v) mutation to convert CGT of 1548-1550 into TGT or TGC; and

50 vi) mutation to convert AAA of 2094-2096 into TCT, TCC, TCA or TCG.

Such a mutant gene is obtained such that a recombinant DNA, which is obtained by ligating a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene as a wild type enzyme gene or having another mutation with a vector DNA adaptable to a host, is subjected to a mutation treatment, to perform screening from transformants by the recombinant DNA. Alternatively, it is 55 also acceptable that a microorganism which produces a wild type enzyme is subjected to a mutation treatment, a mutant strain which produces a mutant enzyme is created, and then a mutant gene is screened from the mutant strain. For the mutation treatment of the recombinant DNA, hydroxylamine and the like may be used. Further, when an micro-organism itself is subjected to a mutation treatment, a drug or a method usually used for artificial mutation may be used.

Further, in accordance with methods such as the Overlapping Extension method (Ho, S. N., Hunt, H. D., Horton, R. M., Pullen, J. K. and Pease, L. R., *Gene*, 77, 51-59 (1989)), the site specific mutation method (Kramer, W. and Frits, H. J., *Meth. in Enzymol.*, 154, 350 (1987); Kunkel, T. A. et al., *Meth. in Enzymol.*, 154, 367 (1987)) and the like, the aforementioned mutant gene can be also obtained by introducing mutation such as amino acid replacement, insertion, deletion and the like into a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene as a wild type enzyme gene or having another mutation. These methods are based on a principle that a non-mutated gene DNA is used as a template, and a synthetic DNA containing a mismatch at a mutation point is used as one of primers so as to synthesize complementary strands of the aforementioned gene DNA, thereby mutation is introduced. By using these methods, it is possible to cause intended mutation at an aimed site.

10 Alternatively, a sequence, which has restriction enzyme cleavage ends at both termini and includes both sides of a mutation point, is synthesized, and exchanged for a corresponding portion of a non-mutated gene, thereby mutation can be introduced (cassette mutation method).

15 The phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene, which is the wild type enzyme gene or has another mutation to be used for introduction of mutation, may be any one provided that it is a gene coding for the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the microorganism belonging to the genus *Escherichia*, which is preferably determined for its base sequence and cloned. When it has not been cloned, a DNA fragment containing the gene can be amplified and isolated by using the PCR method and the like, followed by using a suitable vector to achieve cloning.

20 As the gene as described above, for example, there may be exemplified a gene of *Escherichia coli* having been cloned and determined for its base sequence (Fujita, N., Miwa, T., Ishijima, S., Izui, K. and Katsuki, H., *J. Biochem.*, 95, 909-916 (1984)). The sequence in the coding region of this gene is as shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 (base Nos. 237-2888).

25 Screening of a host harboring the mutant gene can be performed by using an analog compound of aspartic acid. The analog compound preferably has the following properties. Namely, it exhibits a growth inhibitory action against a microorganism belonging to the genus *Escherichia* which produces a wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, the aforementioned growth inhibitory action is recovered by existence of L-glutamic acid or L-aspartic acid, and it inhibits wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase activity.

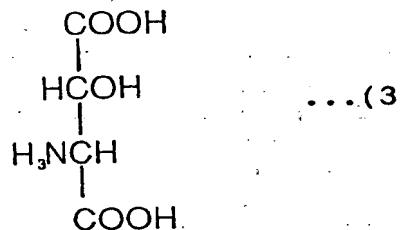
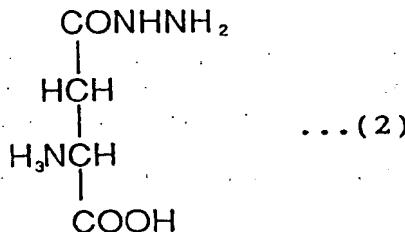
30 If a mutant strain being resistant to the analog compound mentioned above is selected from microorganism belonging to the genus *Escherichia*, for example, *Escherichia coli* HB101 producing wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase using inhibition of growth of the microorganism as an index, it is much likely to obtain a host microorganism which produces phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase with desensitized feedback inhibition by aspartic acid.

35 It is proposed, as a general structure of an inhibitor of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, that a C4 dicarboxylic acid structure is essentially provided. From such a viewpoint, various compounds were subjected to screening by the present inventors. *Escherichia coli* HB101 was cultivated in an LB medium, and transferred to M9 media (containing 20 µg/ml of thiamine and 3 µg/ml of each of Leu and Pro) containing any one of DL-2-amino-4-phosphonobutyric acid, bromosuccinic acid, meso-2,3-dibromosuccinic acid, 2,2-difluorosuccinic acid, 3-bromopyruvic acid, α-ketobutyric acid, α-keto adipinic acid, DL-threo-β-hydroxyaspartic acid, L-aspartic acid β-methyl ester, α-methyl-DL-aspartic acid, 2,3-diaminosuccinic acid or aspartic acid-β-hydrazide, and absorbance of the medium was measured at 660 nm with the passage of time, thereby growth was monitored.

40 Further, when these compounds were present at their growth inhibitory concentrations, it was investigated whether or not the inhibition was recovered by addition of nucleic acids (each of uridine, adenosine: 10 mg/dl), glutamic acid or amino acids of the aspartic acid family (Asp: 0.025 %, each of Met, Thr, Lys: 0.1 %).

45 As a result, three compounds: 3-bromopyruvate (3BP) (1), aspartate-β-hydrazide (AHY) (2), and DL-threo-β-hydroxyaspartate (βHA) (3) were selected.





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Growth inhibition of Escherichia coli by these analog compounds is shown in Figs. 1-3. Further, growth recovery of Escherichia coli, in the case of addition of the aforementioned inhibition recovering substances alone or as a mixture of 2 species or 3 species, is shown in Figs. 4-6. In addition, as a control, growth in the case of addition of the inhibition recovering substance in the absence of the inhibitory substance is shown in Fig. 7. Incidentally, in Figs. 4-7, additives 1, 2 and 3 indicate nucleic acids, glutamic acid or amino acids of the aspartic acid family, respectively.

30 Further, inhibition of activity by the analog compound on phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase was investigated. Crude enzyme was prepared from an Escherichia coli HB101 strain in accordance with a method described in The Journal of Biochemistry, Vol. 67, No. 4 (1970), and enzyme activity was measured in accordance with a method described in Eur. J. Biochem., 202, 797-803 (1991).

35 Escherichia coli HB101 cultivated in an LB medium was disrupted, and a suspension was centrifuged to obtain a supernatant which was used as a crude enzyme solution. Measurement of enzyme activity was performed by measuring decrease in absorbance at 340 nm while allowing acetyl-coenzyme A known to affect the activity to exist at a concentration of 0.1 mM in a measurement system containing 2 mM potassium phosphoenolpyruvate, 0.1 mM NADH, 0.1 M Tris-acetate (pH 8.5), 1.5 U malate dehydrogenase and crude enzyme. Results are shown in Fig. 8.

40 According to the results as above, it is apparent that the aforementioned three compounds inhibit growth of Escherichia coli, this inhibition cannot be recovered by nucleic acids alone, but the inhibition can be recovered by addition of glutamic acid or amino acids of the aspartic acid family. Therefore, these analog compounds were postulated to be selective inhibitors of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase. As shown in Examples described below, by using these compounds, the present invention has succeeded in selection of an Escherichia coli which produces the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.

45 When a transformant having an aimed mutant enzyme gene is screened by using the aforementioned compounds, and a recombinant DNA is recovered, then the mutant enzyme gene is obtained. Alternatively, in the case of a mutation treatment of an microorganism itself, when a mutant strain having an aimed mutant enzyme gene is screened by using the aforementioned compounds, a DNA fragment containing the aimed mutant enzyme gene is isolated from the strain, and it is ligated with a suitable vector, then the mutant enzyme gene is obtained.

50 On the other hand, as a result of diligent investigation by the present inventors taking notice of importance of an arginine residue in an aspartate binding protein of Escherichia coli (Krikos, A., Mouth, N., Boyd, A. and Simon, M. I. Cell, 33, 615-622 (1983), Mowbray, S. L and Koshland, D. E. J. Biol. Chem., 264, 15638-15643 (1990), Milburn, M. V., Prive, G. G., Milligan, D. L., Scott, W. G., Yeh, J., Jancarik, J., Koshland, D. E. and Kim, S. H., Science, 254, 1342-1347 (1991)), it has been found that inhibition by aspartic acid is substantially desensitized by converting 438th arginine of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase into cysteine. In order to convert 438th arginine into cysteine, a codon of 438th

arginine of a gene coding for phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase may be converted into a codon of cysteine. For example, in SEQ ID NO:1, CGT of nucleotide numbers of 1548-1550 may be converted into TGT or TGC.

Further, the present inventors performed chemical modification of lysine residues of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase by using 2,4,6-trinitrobenzenesulfonic acid (TNBS) which is a compound to chemically modify lysine residues of a protein. During modification reaction, malic acid capable of serving as an inhibitor of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase was allowed to exist together. Namely, it was assumed that a lysine residue in the vicinity of a binding position of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase would be protected by bound malic acid and not be subjected to chemical modification. As a result, it was suggested that a 620th lysine residue was important for malic acid to bind phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, and it was found that the feedback inhibition by aspartic acid was desensitized while maintaining the enzyme activity of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase by converting the 620th lysine residue into a serine residue. In order to convert the 620th lysine residue into the serine residue, a codon of 620th lysine of the gene coding for phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase may be converted into a codon of serine. For example, in SEQ ID NO:1, AAA having nucleotide numbers of 2094-2096 may be replaced with TCT, TCC, TCA, TCG, AGT or AGC.

In accordance with methods such as the Overlapping Extension method (Ho, S. N., Hunt, H. D., Horton, R. M., Pulley, J. K. and Pease, L. R., *Gene*, 77, 51-59 (1989)), the site specific mutation method (Kramer, W. and Frits, H. J., *Meth. in Enzymol.*, 154, 350 (1987); Kunkel, T. A. et al., *Meth. in Enzymol.*, 154, 367 (1987)) and the like, conversion of the codon can be also achieved by introducing mutation such as amino acid replacement, insertion, deletion and the like into a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene as a wild type enzyme gene or having another mutation. These methods are based on a principle that a non-mutated gene DNA is used as a template, and a synthetic DNA containing a mismatch at a mutation point is used as one of primers so as to synthesize complementary strands of the aforementioned gene DNA, thereby mutation is introduced. By using these methods, it is possible to cause intended mutation at an aimed site.

Alternatively, a sequence, which has restriction enzyme cleavage ends at both termini and contains both sides of a mutation point, is synthesized, and exchanged for a corresponding portion of a non-mutated gene, thereby mutation can be introduced (cassette mutation method).

The DNA fragment coding for the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase with mutation introduced as described above is expressed by using a suitable host-vector system, thereby it is possible to produce a mutant enzyme. Alternatively, even by performing transformation by integrating the DNA fragment of the present invention into a host chromosomal DNA, an aimed mutant enzyme can be produced.

As the host, there may be exemplified microorganisms belonging to the genus Escherichia, for example, Escherichia coli, coryneform bacteria and the like. The coryneform bacteria include bacteria belonging to the genus Corynebacterium, bacteria belonging to the genus Brevibacterium having been hitherto classified into the genus Brevibacterium but being united as bacteria belonging to the genus Corynebacterium at present, and bacteria belonging to the genus Brevibacterium closely related to bacteria belonging to the genus Corynebacterium. Incidentally, hosts which are preferable for amino acid production will be described below.

On the other hand, as the vector DNA, a plasmid vector is preferable, and those capable of self-replication in a host cell are preferable. When the host is Escherichia coli, for example, pUC19, pUC18, pBR322, pHSG299, pHSG399, RSF1010 and the like are exemplified. Alternatively, a vector of phage DNA can be also utilized.

Further, when the host is the coryneform bacteria, vectors which can be used and hosts which harbor them are exemplified below. Incidentally, deposition numbers of international depositories are shown in parentheses.

pAJ655	<u>Escherichia coli</u> AJ11882 (FERM BP-136)
	<u>Corynebacterium glutamicum</u> SR8201 (ATCC 39135)
pAJ1844	<u>Escherichia coli</u> AJ11883 (FERM BP-137)
	<u>Corynebacterium glutamicum</u> SR8202 (ATCC 39136)
pAJ611	<u>Escherichia coli</u> AJ11884 (FERM BP-138)
pAJ3148	<u>Corynebacterium glutamicum</u> SR8203 (ATCC 39137)
pAJ440	<u>Bacillus subtilis</u> AJ11901 (FERM BP-140)

These vectors may be obtained from the deposited microorganisms as follows. Cells collected at the logarithmic growth phase are subjected to bacteriolysis by using lysozyme and SDS, and centrifuged at 30000 x g to obtain a supernatant solution from a lysate, to which polyethylene glycol is added to perform separation and purification of the vectors by means of cesium chloride-ethidium bromide equilibrium density gradient centrifugation.

In order to transform Escherichia coli with a recombinant vector obtained by inserting the DNA sequence of the present invention into the aforementioned vector, it is possible to use a method usually used for transformation of Escherichia coli, such as a method in which cells are treated with calcium chloride to enhance permeability of DNA (Mandel, M. and Higa, A., *J. Mol. Biol.*, 53, 159 (1977)) and the like.

Further, as a method for transforming the coryneform bacteria, there is the aforementioned method in which cells are treated with calcium chloride, or a method in which incorporation is performed at a specified growth period in which

5 cells can incorporate DNA (report in relation to Bacillus subtilis by Duncan, C. H. et al.). Further, incorporation into bacterial cells can be achieved by forming protoplasts or spheroplasts of DNA recipients which easily incorporate plasmid DNA. These are known for Bacillus subtilis, Actinomyces and yeast (Chang, S. et al., Molec. Gen. Genet., 168, 111 (1979), Bibb et al., Nature, 274, 398 (1978), Hinnen, A. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 75 1929 (1978)). Additionally, a method for transforming coryneform bacteria is disclosed in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-207791.

10 In order to express the DNA sequence of the present invention in the aforementioned hosts, a promoter such as lac, trp, PL and the like which efficiently works in microorganisms may be used, or when the DNA sequence of the present invention contains a promoter of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene, it may be used as it is. Alternatively, when the coryneform bacterium is used as the host, it is also possible to use a known trp promoter originating from a bacterium belonging to the genus Brevibacterium (Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 62-244382) and the like.

15 Further, as described above, it is acceptable that the DNA sequence of the present invention is inserted into the vector DNA capable of self-replication and introduced into the host to allow the host to harbor it as a plasmid, and it is also acceptable that the DNA sequence of the present invention is integrated into a chromosome of an microorganism by means of a method using transposon (Berg, D. E. and Berg, C. M., Bio/Technol., 1, 417 (1983)), Mu phage (Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-109985) or homologous recombination (Experiments in Molecular Genetics, Cold Spring Harbor Lab. (1972)). In addition, in order to integrate the DNA of the present invention into the coryneform bacteria, it is possible to utilize a temperature-sensitive plasmid disclosed in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 5-7491.

20 When the microorganism transformed with the DNA sequence of the present invention as described above is cultivated, and this DNA sequence is expressed, then a mutant enzyme is obtained. It becomes apparent, by measuring the activity by adding aspartic acid to an enzyme reaction system, whether or not the mutant enzyme thus obtained has desensitized feedback inhibition by aspartic acid. It is possible for the measurement of the enzyme activity to use a spectrometric method (Yoshinage, T., Izui, K. and Katsuki, H., J. Biochem., 68, 747-750 (1970)) and the like.

25 Further, the DNA sequence of the present invention codes for the mutant enzyme in which feedback inhibition by aspartic acid is desensitized, so that the microorganism harboring this DNA sequence can be utilized for efficient fermentative production of amino acids of the aspartic acid family and the glutamic acid family as described below.

30 Examples described below are deposited in National Institute of Bioscience and Human Technology of Agency of Industrial Science and Technology (1-3, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan; zip code 305) on August 3, 1993 under the deposition numbers of FERM P-13774, FERM P-13775, FERM P-13776 and FERM P-13777, transferred from the original deposition to international deposition based on Budapest Treaty on July 11, 1994 and has been deposited as deposition numbers of FERM BP-4734, FERM BP-4735, FERM BP-4736, FERM BP-4737, respectively in this order.

(3) Production method of amino acids

35 Amino acids can be produced by cultivating the microorganism harboring the DNA sequence of the present invention in a preferable medium, and separating generated amino acids. As such amino acids, there may be exemplified L-lysine, L-threonine, L-methionine, L-isoleucine, L-glutamic acid, L-arginine and L-proline.

40 Preferable hosts into which the DNA sequence of the present invention is introduced to be used for production of each of the amino acids, and a cultivation method will be exemplified below.

(1) Hosts preferable for the amino acid production method of the present invention

(i) Hosts preferable for L-lysine production

45 As the host to be used for L-lysine production according to the present invention, there may be exemplified bacteria belonging to the genus Escherichia, preferably L-lysine-producing Escherichia coli. Concretely, a mutant strain having resistance to a lysine analog can be exemplified. Such a lysine analog is those which inhibit growth of microorganisms belonging to the genus Escherichia, however, the suppression is totally or partially desensitized provided that L-lysine co-exists in the medium. For example, there are oxalysine, lysine hydroxamate, S-(2-aminoethyl)-cysteine (hereinafter abbreviated as "AEC"), γ -methyllysine, α -chlorocaprolactam and the like. Mutant strains having resistance to these lysine analogs can be obtained by applying an ordinary artificial mutation treatment to microorganisms belonging to the genus Escherichia. Concretely, as a bacterial strain to be used for L-lysine production, there may be exemplified Escherichia coli AJ11442 (deposited as FERM P-5084, see lower-left column on page 471 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-18596).

55 On the other hand, various artificial mutant strains of coryneform bacteria which have been used as L-lysine-producing bacteria can be used for the present invention. Such artificial mutant strains are as follows: AEC resistant mutant strain; mutant strain which requires amino acid such as L-homoserine for its growth (Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 48-28078 and 56-6499); mutant strain which exhibits resistance to AEC and requires amino acid such as L-leucine, L-

homoserine, L-proline, L-serine, L-arginine, L-alanine, L-valine and the like (United States Patent Nos. 3708395 and 3825472); L-lysine-producing mutant strain which exhibits resistance to DL- α -amino- ϵ -caprolactam, α -amino-lauryl-lactam, quinoid and N-laurylléucine; L-lysine-producing mutant strain which exhibits resistance to an inhibitor of oxaloacetate decarboxylase or respiratory system enzyme (Japanese Patent Laid-open Nos. 50-53588, 50-31093, 52-102498, 53-86089, 55-9783, 55-9759, 56-32995 and 56-39778, and Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 53-43591 and 53-1833); L-lysine-producing mutant strain which requires inositol or acetic acid (Japanese Patent Laid-open Nos. 55-9784 and 56-8692); L-lysine-producing mutant strain which exhibits sensitivity to fluoropyruvate or temperature not less than 34 °C (Japanese Patent Laid-open Nos. 55-9783 and 53-86090); and mutant strain of Brevibacterium or Corynebacterium which exhibits resistance to ethylene glycol and produces L-lysine (see United States Patent Application Serial No. 333455).

Followings are exemplified as concrete coryneform bacteria to be used for lysine production:

5 Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ12031 (FERM-BP277), see page 525 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 60-62994;

10 Brevibacterium lactofermentum ATCC 39134, see lower-right column on page 473 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 60-62994;

Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ3463 (FERM-P1987), see Japanese Patent Publication No. 51-34477.

15 In addition, wild strains of coryneform bacteria described below can be also used for the present invention in the same manner.

20 Corynebacterium acetoacidophilum

ATCC 13870

Corynebacterium acetoglutamicum

ATCC 15806

Corynebacterium callunae

25 ATCC 15991

Corynebacterium glutamicum

ATCC 13032

ATCC 13060

(Brevibacterium divaricatum)

30 ATCC 14020

(Brevibacterium lactofermentum)

ATCC 13869

(Corynebacterium lilium)

ATCC 15990

35 Corynebacterium melassecola

ATCC 17965

Brevibacterium saccharolyticum

ATCC 14066

Brevibacterium immariophilum

40 ATCC 14068

Brevibacterium roseum

ATCC 13825

Brevibacterium flavum

ATCC 13826

45 Brevibacterium thiogenitalis

ATCC 19240

Microbacterium ammoniaphilum

ATCC 15354

50 (ii) Hosts preferable for L-threonine production

Escherichia coli B-3996 (RIA 1867), see Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 3-501682 (PCT);

55 Escherichia coli AJ12349 (FERM-P9574), see upper-left column on page 887 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;

Escherichia coli AJ12351 (FERM-P9576), see lower-right column on page 887 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;

60 Escherichia coli AJ12352 (FERM P-9577), see upper-left column on page 888 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;

Escherichia coli AJ11332 (FERM P-4898), see upper-left column on page 889 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No.

2-458;
5 Escherichia coli AJ12350 (FERM P-9575), see upper-left column on page 889 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;
10 Escherichia coli AJ12353 (FERM P-9578), see upper-right column on page 889 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;
15 Escherichia coli AJ12358 (FERM P-9764), see upper-left column on page 890 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;
20 Escherichia coli AJ12359 (FERM P-9765), see upper-left column on page 890 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;
25 Escherichia coli AJ11334 (FERM P-4900), see column 6 on page 201 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 1-29559;
30 Escherichia coli AJ11333 (FERM P-4899), see column 6 on page 201 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 1-29559;
35 Escherichia coli AJ11335 (FERM P-4901), see column 7 on page 202 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 1-29559.

Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the coryneform bacteria:

40 Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ11188 (FERM P-4190), see upper-right column on page 473 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 60-87788;
45 Corynebacterium glutamicum AJ11682 (FERM BP-118), see column 8 on page 230 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 2-31956;
50 Brevibacterium flavum AJ11683 (FERM BP-119), see column 10 on page 231 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 2-31956.

(iii) Hosts preferable for L-methionine production

55 Following bacterial strains are exemplified for L-methionine production:

60 Escherichia coli AJ11457 (FERM P-5175), see upper-right column on page 552 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-35992;
65 Escherichia coli AJ11458 (FERM P-5176), see upper-right column on page 552 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-35992;
70 Escherichia coli AJ11459 (FERM P-5177), see upper-right column on page 552 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-35992;
75 Escherichia coli AJ11539 (FERM P-5479), see lower-left column on page 435 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-144092;
80 Escherichia coli AJ11540 (FERM P-5480), see lower-left column on page 435 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-144092;
85 Escherichia coli AJ11541 (FERM P-5481), see lower-left column on page 435 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-144092;
90 Escherichia coli AJ11542 (FERM P-5482), see lower-left column on page 435 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-144092.

(iv) Hosts preferable for L-aspartic acid production

95 Following bacterial strains are exemplified for L-aspartic acid production:

100 Brevibacterium flavum AJ3859 (FERM P-2799), see upper-left column on page 524 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 51-61689;
105 Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ3860 (FERM P-2800), see upper-left column on page 524 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 51-61689;
110 Corynebacterium acetoacidophilum AJ3877 (FERM P-2803), see upper-left column on page 524 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 51-61689;
115 Corynebacterium glutamicum AJ3876 (FERM P-2802), see upper-left column on page 524 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 51-61689.

(v) Hosts preferable for L-isoleucine production

120 Escherichia coli KX141 (VKPM-B4781) (see 45th paragraph in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 4-33027) is exemplified as the bacteria belonging to the genus Escherichia, and Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ12404 (FERM P-10141) (see lower-left column on page 603 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-42988) and Brevibacterium flavum

AJ12405 (FERM P-10142) (see lower-left column on page 524 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-42988) are exemplified as the coryneform bacteria.

(vi) Hosts preferable for L-glutamic acid production

5 Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the bacteria belonging to the genus Escherichia:
Escherichia coli AJ12628 (FERM P-12380), see French Patent Publication No. 2 680 178 (1993);
Escherichia coli AJ12624 (FERM P-12379), see French Patent Publication No. 2 680 178 (1993).
Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the coryneform bacteria:
10 Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ12745 (FERM BP-2922), see lower-right column on page 561 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 3-49690;
Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ12746 (FERM BP-2923), see upper-left column on page 562 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 3-49690;
Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ12747 (FERM BP-2924), see upper-left column on page 562 in Japanese
15 Patent Laid-open No. 3-49690;
Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ12748 (FERM BP-2925), see upper-left column on page 562 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 3-49690;
Brevibacterium flavum ATCC 14067, see Table 1 on page 3 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 5-3793;
Corynebacterium glutamicum ATCC 21492, see Table 1 on page 3 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 5-3793.

20 (vii) Hosts preferable for L-arginine production

Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the bacteria belonging to the genus Escherichia:
Escherichia coli AJ11593 (FERM P-5616), see upper-left column on page 468 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No.
25 57-5693;
Escherichia coli AJ11594 (FERM P-5617), see upper-right column on page 468 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 57-5693.
Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the coryneform bacteria:
30 Brevibacterium flavum AJ12144 (FERM P-7642), see column 4 on page 174 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-27388;
Corynebacterium glutamicum AJ12145 (FERM P-7643), see column 4 on page 174 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-27388;
Brevibacterium flavum ATCC 21493, see Table 1 on page 3 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 5-3793;
Corynebacterium glutamicum ATCC 21659, see Table 1 on page 3 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 5-3793.

35 (viii) Hosts preferable for L-proline production

Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the bacteria belonging to the genus Escherichia:
Escherichia coli AJ11543 (FERM P-5483), see lower-left column on page 435 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No.
40 56-144093;
Escherichia coli AJ11544 (FERM P-5484), see lower-left column on page 435 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-144093.
Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the coryneform bacteria:
45 Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ11225 (FERM P-4370), see upper-left column on page 473 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 60-87788;
Brevibacterium flavum AJ11512 (FERM P-5332), see column 2 on page 185 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-36679;
Brevibacterium flavum AJ11513 (FERM P-5333), see column 2 on page 185 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-36679;
50 Brevibacterium flavum AJ11514 (FERM P-5334), see column 2 on page 185 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-36679;
Corynebacterium glutamicum AJ11522 (FERM P-5342), see column 2 on page 185 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-36679;
Corynebacterium glutamicum AJ11523 (FERM P-5343), see column 2 on page 185 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-36679.

(2) Cultivation method

The method for cultivating the aforementioned hosts is not especially different from a cultivation method for amino acid-producing microorganisms in the prior art. Namely, an ordinary medium is used containing a carbon source, a nitrogen source and inorganic ions, and optionally organic trace nutrients such as amino acids, vitamins and the like.

As the carbon source, glucose, sucrose, lactose and the like, as well as starch hydrolysate, whey, molasses and the like containing them may be used. As the nitrogen source, ammonia gas, aqueous ammonium, ammonium salt and the like can be used. Incidentally, when a nutrient requiring mutant strain for amino acids or the like is used as the host, it is necessary to suitably add the nutrient such as amino acid or the like required by the strain to the medium. An example of the medium for lysine production is shown in Table 1 below as a medium to be used for amino acid production. Incidentally, calcium carbonate is added to other components after being separately sterilized.

Table 1

Medium component	Blending amount
glucose	5 g/dl
$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$	2.5 g/dl
KH_2PO_4	0.2 g/dl
$\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	0.1 g/dl
yeast extract	0.05 g/dl
thiamine hydrochloride	1 $\mu\text{g/l}$
biotin	300 $\mu\text{g/l}$
$\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1 mg/dl
$\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	1 mg/dl
calcium carbonate	2.5 g/dl
(pH 7.0)	

The cultivation is performed until generation and accumulation of amino acids substantially stop while suitably controlling pH and temperature of the medium under an aerobic condition. In order to collect amino acids thus accumulated in the cultivated medium, an ordinary method can be applied.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- Fig. 1 shows growth inhibition by 3-bromopyruvate.
- Fig. 2 shows growth inhibition by aspartate- β -hydrazide.
- Fig. 3 shows growth inhibition by DL-threo- β -hydroxyaspartate.
- Fig. 4 shows effects of inhibition recovering substances on 3-bromopyruvate.
- Fig. 5 shows effects of inhibition recovering substances on aspartate- β -hydrazide.
- Fig. 6 shows effects of inhibition recovering substances on DL-threo- β -hydroxyaspartate.
- Fig. 7 shows influences exerted on growth by growth recovering factors.
- Fig. 8 shows inhibition of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase by growth inhibitory substances.
- Fig. 9 shows inhibition of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention by aspartic acid.
- Fig. 10 shows inhibition of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention by aspartic acid.
- Fig. 11 shows a method for introducing mutation into a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene.
- Fig. 12 shows influences exerted by aspartic acid on activities of wild type and mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase in which 438th arginine was substituted with cysteine counted from the N-terminus.
- Fig. 13 shows influences exerted by aspartic acid on activities of wild type and mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase in which 620th lysine was substituted with serine counted from the N-terminus.

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

The present invention will be explained more concretely below with reference to Examples.

Example 1: acquisition of mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene

A mutant gene was prepared by using a plasmid pS2 obtained by inserting a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene having been cloned and determined for its base sequence into a SalI site of a vector plasmid pBR322. pS2 has an ampicillin resistance gene as a drug resistance marker gene (Sabe, H. et al., Gene, 31, 279-283 (1984)). The nucleotide sequence of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene contained in pS2 is the same as that contained in the aforementioned plasmid pT2.

pS2 DNA was treated at 75 °C for 2 hours with a hydroxylamine treating solution (20 µg/ml pS2 DNA, 0.05 M sodium phosphate (pH 6.0), 1 mM EDTA, 0.4 M hydroxylamine). Because of influence by pH on the hydroxylamine treatment, 80 µl of 1 M hydroxylamine · HCl and 1 mM EDTA solution having a pH adjusted to 6.0 with sodium hydroxide, 100 µl of 0.1 M sodium phosphate (pH 6.0) and 1 mM EDTA solution, and TE (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA) buffer containing 2 µg of pS2 DNA were mixed, to finally provide 200 µl with water.

The aforementioned condition is a condition in which transformants has a survival ratio of 0.2 % based on a state before the treatment in an ampicillin-containing medium when Escherichia coli HB101 is transformed with pS2 after the treatment.

Escherichia coli HB101 was transformed with pS2 treated with hydroxylamine, which was spread on a solid plate medium containing ampicillin to obtain about 10000 colonies of transformants. They were suspended in a liquid medium, and spread on a solid plate medium containing any one of 3-bromopyruvate (3BP), aspartate-β-hydroxamate (AHX), aspartate-β-hydrazide (AHY) and DL-threo-β-hydroxyaspartate (βHA) as the analog compounds of aspartic acid at a concentration near a minimal inhibitory concentration to give 10³ to 10⁵ cells per one medium plate, and growing colonies were selected.

From 100 strains of analog compound resistant strains thus obtained, phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase produced by each of them was partially purified in accordance with a method described in The Journal of Biochemistry, Vol. 67, No. 4 (1970), and inhibition of enzyme activity by the analog compounds was investigated. Measurement of the enzyme activity was performed in the same manner as described above.

Further, plasmids were isolated from bacterial strains producing mutant enzymes with activities not inhibited by the analog compounds, and were introduced into Escherichia coli PCR1 as a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase deficient strain (Sabe, H. et al., Gene, 31, 279-283 (1984)), to confirm production of the mutant enzymes.

Five transformants harboring mutant enzyme genes were thus obtained. As a result of determination of base sequences of these genes, 2 strains had the same mutation, and 4 kinds of mutant genes were obtained. The transformants harboring them were designated as AJ12907, AJ12908, AJ12909 and AJ12910, and were deposited in National Institute of Bioscience and Human Technology of Agency of Industrial Science and Technology 1-3, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan; zip code 305) on August 3, 1993 under the deposition numbers of FERM P-13774, FERM P-13775, FERM P-13776 and FERM P-13777, transferred from the original deposition to international deposition based on Budapest Treaty on July 11, 1994 and has been deposited as deposition numbers of FERM BP-4734, FERM BP-4735, FERM BP-4736, FERM BP-4737, respectively in this order. Further, the plasmids possessed by them were designated as pBP5, pHA19, pBP122 and pR6 respectively in this order. Mutations possessed by the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase genes contained in each of the plasmids are shown in Table 2. Numerical values in the table indicate nucleotide numbers or amino acid numbers in SEQ ID NO:1.

Table 2

Transformant	Plasmid	Mutation	Amino acid replacement associated with mutation
AJ12907	pBP5	210 ⁹ G→A	62 ⁵ Glu→Lys
AJ12908	pHA19	90 ¹ G→A	22 ² Arg→His
		90 ³ G→A	22 ³ Glu→Lys
AJ12909	pBP122	109 ⁹ C→T	28 ⁸ Ser→Phe
		110 ¹ G→A	28 ⁹ Glu→Lys
		188 ⁹ G→A	55 ¹ Met→Ile
		264 ⁶ G→A	80 ⁴ Glu→Lys
AJ12910	pR6	283 ⁵ G→A	86 ⁷ Ala→Thr

Incidentally, selection was performed for AJ12907 and AJ12909 in a medium containing 500 µg/ml of 3BP, for AJ12908 in a medium containing 1000 µg/ml of βHA, and for AJ12910 in a medium containing 500 µg/ml of AHY.

Example 2: mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase

5 Sensitivity to aspartic acid was investigated for phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylases produced by the aforementioned 4 transformants. These bacterial strains are deficient in the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene originating from the host, so that produced phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase originates from the plasmid.

10 Sensitivity to aspartic acid was investigated in accordance with a known method (Yoshinaga, T., Izui, K. and Katsumi, H., *J. Biochem.*, 68, 747-750 (1970)). Namely, as a result of measurement of the enzyme activity produced by each of the transformants or *Escherichia coli* harboring pS2 in the presence of acetyl-coenzyme A known to affect the activity in an activity measurement system at a concentration of 0.1 mM or 1 mM, sensitivity to aspartic acid was measured as shown in Figs. 9 and 10.

15 According to the result, it is apparent that the wild type enzyme loses its activity when aspartic acid is at a high concentration, while the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention substantially continues to maintain its activity.

Example 3: fermentative production of L-threonine by *Escherichia coli* with introduced mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase

20 As threonine-producing bacteria of *Escherichia coli*, B-3996 strain (Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 3-501682 (PCT)) has the highest production ability among those known at present. Thus upon evaluation of the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, B-3996 was used as the host. This B-3996 strain has been deposited in Research Institute for Genetics and Industrial Microorganism Breeding under a registration number of RIA 1867. Further, pBP5 was selected as the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase to be evaluated, which was subjected to an experiment.

25 The plasmid pBP5 having the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase was introduced into *Escherichia coli* B-3996 in accordance with a method of Hanahan (*J. Mol. Biol.*, Vol. 106, p577 (1983)), and a transformant was isolated. As a control, *Escherichia coli* B-3996 was transformed in the same manner with pS2 as the plasmid to express the wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene.

30 When *Escherichia coli* B-3996 and the transformants therefrom were respectively inoculated in a 500 ml of Sakaguchi flask poured with 20 ml of a medium having a composition in Table 3, and cultivated at 37 °C for 40 hours to investigate a production amount of L-threonine, then results shown in Table 4 were obtained. Incidentally, the aforementioned medium was separated into two: glucose and MgSO₄ · 7H₂O, and the other components, and adjusted to have a pH of 7.0 with KOH followed by autoclaving at 115 °C for 10 minutes, and then, after mixing them, separately sterilized

35 CaCO₃ was added by 30 g/l.

Table 3

Component	Blending amount (g/l)
glucose	40
(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	16
KH ₂ PO ₄	1
MgSO ₄ · 7H ₂ O	1
FeSO ₄ · 7H ₂ O	0.01
MnSO ₄ · 5H ₂ O	0.01
yeast extract (Difco)	2
L-Met.	0.5
CaCO ₃	30

Table 4

Bacterial strain	Threonine production amount (g/l)
<u>Escherichia coli</u> B-3996	15.7
<u>Escherichia coli</u> B-3996/pS2	15.8
<u>Escherichia coli</u> B-3996/pBP5	16.8

As clarified from the result, Escherichia coli B-3996/pBP5 harboring the mutant enzyme expression plasmid having the DNA sequence of the present invention had an improved threonine-producing ability as compared with Escherichia coli B-3996/pS2 harboring the plasmid to express the wild type enzyme.

Example 4: fermentative production of L-alutamic acid by Escherichia coli with introduced mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase

As glutamic acid-producing bacteria of Escherichia coli, Escherichia coli AJ-12628 described in Japanese Patent

Laid-open No. 4-11461 has the highest production ability among those known at present. Thus upon evaluation of the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, AJ-12628 was used as the host.

The AJ-12628 strain has been deposited in National Institute of Bioscience and Human Technology of Agency of Industrial Science and Technology under a registration number of FERM BP-385. Further, pBP5 was selected as the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase to be evaluated, which was subjected to an experiment.

The plasmid pBP5 having the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase was introduced into Escherichia coli AJ-12628 in accordance with a method of Hanahan (J. Mol. Biol., Vol. 106, p577 (1983)), and a transformant was isolated. In the same manner, a transformant of Escherichia coli AJ-12628 with pS2 was isolated.

When Escherichia coli AJ-12628 and the transformants therefrom were respectively inoculated in a 500 ml of Sakaguchi flask poured with 20 ml of a medium having a composition in Table 5, and cultivated at 37 °C for 36 hours to investigate a production amount of L-glutamic acid, then results shown in Table 6 were obtained. Incidentally, the aforementioned medium was separated into two: glucose and MgSO₄ · 7H₂O, and the other components, and adjusted to have a pH of 7.0 with KOH followed by autoclaving at 115 °C for 10 minutes, and then, after mixing them, separately sterilized CaCO₃ was added by 30 g/l.

Table 5

Component	Blending amount (g/l)
glucose	40
(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	16
KH ₂ PO ₄	1
MgSO ₄ · 7H ₂ O	1
FeSO ₄ · 7H ₂ O	0.01
MnSO ₄ · 5H ₂ O	0.01
yeast extract (Difco)	2
CaCO ₃	30

Table 6

Bacterial strain	Glutamic acid production amount (g/l)
<u>Escherichia coli</u> AJ-12628	18.0
<u>Escherichia coli</u> AJ-12628/pS2	18.3
<u>Escherichia coli</u> AJ-12628/pBP5	19.6

As clarified from the result, Escherichia coli AJ-12628/pBP5 harboring the mutant enzyme expression plasmid having the DNA sequence of the present invention had an improved glutamate-producing ability as compared with Escherichia coli AJ-12628/pS2 harboring the plasmid to express the wild type enzyme.

Example 5: production of L-lysine by coryneform bacterium with introduced mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase

In order to introduce and express the mutant gene in a coryneform bacterium, a promoter originating from a bacterium belonging to the genus Brevibacterium was obtained, and was ligated with the mutant gene to prepare an expression type plasmid. Further, it was introduced into a bacterium belonging to the genus Brevibacterium to perform production of L-lysine.

(1) Acquisition of aspartokinase (AK) gene originating from bacterium belonging to the genus Brevibacterium

Chromosomal DNA was prepared according to an ordinary method from a Brevibacterium lactofermentum (Corynebacterium glutamicum) wild strain (ATCC 13869). An AK gene was amplified from the chromosomal DNA by PCR (polymerase chain reaction; see White, T. J. et al., Trends Genet., 5, 185 (1989)). For DNA primers used in the amplification, an oligonucleotide of 23 mer (SEQ ID NO:3) and an oligonucleotide of 21 mer (SEQ ID NO:4) were synthesized to amplify a region of about 1643 bp coding for the AK gene based on a sequence known in Corynebacterium glutamicum (see Molecular Microbiology (1991) 5 (5), 1197-1204, Mol. Gen. Genet. (1990) 224, 317-324).

The synthesis of DNA was performed in accordance with an ordinary phosphoamidite method (see Tetrahedron Letters (1981), 22, 1859) using a DNA synthesizer model 380B produced by Applied Biosystems Co. In the PCR reaction, DNA Thermal Cycler PJ2000 type produced by Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. was used, and gene amplification was performed by using Taq DNA polymerase in accordance with a method designated by the manufacturer.

An amplified gene fragment of 1643 kb was confirmed by agarose gel electrophoresis, and then the fragment cut out from the gel was purified by an ordinary method, and was cleaved with restriction enzymes NruI (produced by Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.) and EcoRI (produced by Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.). pHSG399 (see Takeshita, S. et al.; Gene (1987), 61, 63-74) was used for a cloning vector for the gene fragment. pHSG399 was cleaved with a restriction enzyme SmaI (produced by Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.) and a restriction enzyme EcoRI, and ligated with the amplified AK gene fragment.

Ligation of DNA was performed by a designated method by using a DNA ligation kit (produced by Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.). In such a manner, a plasmid was manufactured in which pHSG399 was ligated with the AK gene fragment amplified from Brevibacterium chromosome. The plasmid having the AK gene originating from ATCC 13869 as the wild strain was designated as p399AKY.

(2) Determination of base sequence of AK gene of Brevibacterium lactofermentum

The AK plasmid, p399AKY was prepared, and the base sequence of the AK gene was determined. Determination of the base sequence was performed in accordance with the method of Sanger et al. (F. Sanger et al.: Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 74, 5463 (1977) and so forth). Results are shown in SEQ ID NO:5 and SEQ ID NO:7. The DNA fragments have two open reading frames which correspond to α -subunit and β -subunit of AK, respectively. In SEQ ID NO:5 and SEQ ID NO:7, amino acid sequences corresponding to each of the open reading frames are shown together with nucleotide sequences. Further, only the amino acid sequences corresponding to each of the open reading frames are shown in SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:8.

(3) Preparation of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase expression plasmid

Small fragments of about 4.4 kb containing phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase genes were extracted from pS2 as the plasmid having the wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene and pBP5 as the plasmid having the obtained

mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene, and inserted into a Sall site of a plasmid vector pHSG399 universally used for Escherichia coli. Manufactured plasmids were designated as pHs2 for the wild type and as pHBP5 for the mutant.

In order to convert pHs2 and pHBP5 into plasmids to express in Brevibacterium, a promoter and a replication origin of a plasmid for functioning in Brevibacterium were introduced. As the promoter, a gene fragment containing one from 1st Nru site to 207th Apa site of the base sequence, which was postulated to be a promoter region of the cloned AK gene, was extracted from p399AKY, and inserted into an Ava site located about 60 bp before the structural genes of pHs2 and pHBP5 to allow the transcription direction to be in a regular direction.

Further, a gene fragment to enable autonomously replication of the plasmid in Brevibacterium, namely the replication origin of the plasmid was introduced into a site located on the vector. A gene fragment containing the replication origin of the plasmid was extracted from a vector pHc4 for Brevibacterium (see paragraph No. 10 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 5-7491; Escherichia coli AJ12039 harboring the same plasmid is deposited in National Institute of Biotechnology of Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, to which a deposition number of FERM P12215 is given), and restriction enzyme sites at both termini were modified into Pst sites by introduction of linkers.

This fragment was introduced into a Pst site in a vector portion of the plasmid added with the promoter derived from Brevibacterium. Constructed phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase-expressing plasmids were designated as pHs2B for a wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase plasmid originating from pHs2 and as pHBP5B for a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase plasmid originating from pHBP5, respectively.

20 (4) Production of L-lysine by using phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase expression type plasmid

Prepared pHs2B and pHBP5B were respectively introduced into AJ3463 as an L-lysine-producing bacterium of Brevibacterium lactofermentum (see Japanese Patent Publication No. 51-34477). For introduction of the gene, a transformation method employing electric pulse was used (see Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-207791). The host strain and transformants were cultivated with shaking for 72 hours at 31.5 °C in a lysine production medium having a composition in Table 7. The aforementioned medium was prepared such that those except for CaCO₃ among the components listed in the table were added to 1 l of water, and adjusted to have a pH of 8.0 with KOH followed by autoclaving at 115 °C for 15 minutes, and then CaCO₃ having been subjected to heat sterilization was further added. Accumulated amounts of L-lysine in the medium after cultivation are shown in Table 8.

Table 7

Component	Blending amount in 1 L
glucose	100 g
(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	55 g
soybean concentrate*	35 ml
KH ₂ PO ₄	1 g
MgSO ₄ · 7H ₂ O	1 g
vitamin B1	20 g
biotin	5 g
nicotinic acid amide	5 mg
FeSO ₄ · 7H ₂ O	0.01 g
MnSO ₄ · 5H ₂ O	0.01 g
CaCO ₃	50g

*: product of Ajinomoto Co., Ltd. (trade name: Mamenou)

Table 8

Bacterial strain	Lysine production amount (g/l)
<u>Brevibacterium lactofermentum</u> AJ3463	20.0
<u>Brevibacterium lactofermentum</u> AJ3463/pHS2B	22.0
<u>Brevibacterium lactofermentum</u> AJ3463/pHBP5B	25.0

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As shown in the result, Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ3463/pHBP5B harboring the mutant enzyme expression plasmid having the DNA sequence of the present invention had an improved lysine-producing ability as compared with Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ3463/pHS2B harboring the plasmid to express the wild type enzyme.

Example 6: another example of mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention and its gene

(1) Preparation of mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene

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Upon preparation of DNA coding for a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene cloned in a plasmid pT2 was used as a material.

A host, which is allowed to harbor the plasmid pT2, is preferably deficient in phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene in order to detect only the activity of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase originating from the plasmid. Escherichia coli F15 (Hfr, recA1, met, Δ (ppc-argECBH), Tn10) was used as such a deficient strain. Escherichia coli AJ-12873, which is allowed to harbor pT2 in F15 strain, is deposited as FERM P-13752 in National Institute of Bioscience and Human Technology of Agency of Industrial Science and Technology (1-3, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan; zip code 305) on July 15, 1993, transferred from the original deposition to international deposition based on Budapest Treaty on

30 July 11, 1994 and has been deposited as deposition number of FERM BP-4732. In addition, an entire base sequence of pT2 is shown in SEQUENCE ID NO:1.

In order to replace a codon of 438th arginine of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase into a codon of cysteine by using pT2, the Overlapping Extension method (Ho, S. N., Hunt, H. D., Horton, R. M., Pullen, J. K. and Pease, L. R., Gene, 77, 51-59 (1989)) utilizing the PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) method was used.

35 Incidentally, the PCR method is a method in which an amplification cycle comprising thermal denaturation of double strand DNA into single strand DNA, annealing of oligonucleotide primers corresponding to sequences at both ends of a site aimed to be amplified and the aforementioned thermally denatured DNA, and polymerase reaction using the aforementioned oligonucleotides as primers is repeated, thereby the aforementioned DNA sequence is amplified in a manner of an exponential function.

40 A region subjected to site specific mutation by the PCR method is shown in Fig. 11. The primers used in the present invention were 4 species of a primer c (SEQUENCE ID NO:11, corresponding to base Nos. 1535-1554 in SEQUENCE ID NO:1) having a sequence in the vicinity of the codon of 438th arginine, a primer b (SEQUENCE ID NO:10) having a sequence complement to the primer c, a primer a (SEQUENCE ID NO:9, corresponding to base Nos. 1185-1200 in SEQUENCE ID NO:1) having a sequence upstream therefrom, and a primer d (SEQUENCE ID NO:12, corresponding to base Nos. 2327-2342 in SEQUENCE ID NO:1) having a sequence complement to a downstream sequence.

45 In the primer b and the primer c, the codon (CGT) of 438th arginine was replaced with a codon (TGT) of cysteine. This replacement may use TGC which is another codon of cysteine. Further, C of the third letter of a codon (AAC) of 435th asparagine was replaced with T, and hence an EcoRI site was internally introduced with no replacement of amino acid, so that a mutant plasmid could be selected by using it as an index. However, this mutation is not essential to the present invention.

50 When the PCR reaction was performed by using pT2 DNA as a template and the primer a and the primer b as the primers, a fragment from the upstream of the mutation site to the mutation site (AB fragment in Fig. 11) was amplified. Further, when the PCR reaction was performed by using the primer c and the primer d, a fragment downstream from the mutation site (CD fragment in Fig. 11) was amplified. When each of the amplified products (AB, CD) was annealed again after thermal denaturation to perform a polymerase reaction, they were ligated to obtain a fragment (AD fragment in Fig. 11). Incidentally, the PCR reaction was performed by repeating 30 cycles of each comprising heating at 94 °C for 1 minute followed by denaturation (94 °C, 1.5 minutes), annealing (50 °C, 2 minutes), and elongation reaction by polymerase (72 °C, 3.5 minutes). In addition, reaction compositions are shown in Table 9.

Table 9

Composition (()): final conc.)	PCR fragment		
	AB	CD	AD
H ₂ O	53.5	53.5	53.5
10-fold reaction buffer	10	10	10
mixture of 1.25 mM dNTP	16	16	16
20 μ M primer a (1 μ M)	5	-	5
20 μ M primer b (1 μ M)	5	-	-
20 μ M primer c (1 μ M)	-	5	-
20 μ M primer d (1 μ M)	-	5	5
10 μ g/ μ l pT2 (0.1 μ g)	10	10	-
PCR fragment AB*	-	-	5
PCR fragment CD*	-	-	5
2.5 U/ μ l <u>Tag</u> polymerase	0.5	0.5	0.5
total amount	100 μ l	100 μ l	100 μ l

*: PCR fragments AB and CD were prepared, after the PCR reaction, by recovering 10 μ l thereof from polyacrylamide gel, and dissolving it in 5 μ l of TE (10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 1 mM EDTA (pH 8.0)).

In the AD fragment obtained as described above, a BssHII site (1231-1236 in SEQ ID NO:1) at the upstream side and a SphI site (2249-2254 in SEQ ID NO:1) at the downstream side were present, so that complete digestion was performed with these enzymes to make replacement for a corresponding region of the plasmid pT2 (Fig. 11).

(2) Selection of inhibition-desensitized phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase

Escherichia coli was transformed with a plasmid obtained as described above, and a transformed strain was cultivated to recover the plasmid to select one cleaved by EcoRI. With respect to selected DNA, a base sequence of the region amplified by the aforementioned PCR method was determined by the dideoxy method to confirm that base replacement as exactly aimed was introduced. This plasmid was designated as pT2R438C. A strain (AJ12874) obtained by introducing this plasmid into the aforementioned Escherichia coli F15 has been deposited as FERM P-13753 in National Institute of Bioscience and Human Technology of Agency of Industrial Science and Technology (1-3, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan; zip code 305) on July 15, 1993, transferred from the original deposition to international deposition based on Budapest Treaty on July 11, 1994 and has been deposited as deposition number of FERM BP-4733.

The base sequence of pT2R438C is a sequence in which 1541th and 1550th nucleotides are replaced from C to T respectively in SEQ ID NO:1.

(3) Confirmation of desensitization of inhibition of mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase by aspartic acid

Sensitivity to aspartic acid was investigated for phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase produced by the aforementioned Escherichia coli AJ12874 harboring pT2R438C. Incidentally, as described above, because the Escherichia coli F15 is deficient in phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase produced by AJ12874 originates from the plasmid.

Sensitivity to aspartic acid was investigated in accordance with a known method (Yoshinaga, T., Izui, K. and Katsuki, H., J. Biochem., 68, 747-750 (1970)). Namely, as a result of measurement of the enzyme activity in the presence of acetyl-coenzyme A known to affect the activity in an activity measurement system at a concentration of 1 mM or 2 mM, sensitivity to aspartic acid was measured as shown in Fig. 12.

It is apparent that the wild type enzyme substantially loses its activity when aspartic acid is at a high concentration, while the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention continues to maintain its activity.

(4) Preparation of mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene (II)

In order to replace a codon of 620th lysine with a codon of serine in the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene carried on the plasmid pT2, the Overlapping Extension method (Ho, S.N., Hunt, H.D., Horton, R.M., Pullen, J.K. and Pease, L.R., *Gene*, 77, 51-59 (1989)) utilizing the PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) method was used. Concrete procedures were in accordance with the method described in (1). A plasmid carrying a mutant gene constructed with aimed replacement was designated as pT2K620S. Further, an obtained mutant enzyme was designated as K620S mutant enzyme.

(5) Confirmation of desensitization of inhibition by aspartic acid concerning mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.

With respect to the phosphoenolpyruvic carboxylase produced by a transformant obtained by introducing the plasmid pT2K620S into the aforementioned *Escherichia coli* F15, sensitivity to aspartic acid was investigated. Incidentally, as described above, since the *Escherichia coli* F15 lacks phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, any phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase produced by the transformant originates from the plasmid.

Sensitivity to aspartic acid was investigated in accordance with a known method (Yoshinaga, T., Izui, K. and Katsuki, H., *J. Biochem.*, 68, 747-750 (1970)). Namely, as a result of measurement of the enzyme activity in the presence of acetyl-coenzyme A known to affect the activity in an activity measurement system at a concentration of 1 mM or 2 mM, sensitivity to aspartic acid was measured as shown in Fig. 13.

It is apparent that the wild enzyme substantially loses its activity when aspartic acid is at a high concentration, while the type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention continues to maintain its activity.

In Fig. 13, sensitivity to aspartic acid is also depicted for a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase in which 650th lysine is replaced with serine (K650A mutant enzyme), and for a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase in which 491th lysine is replaced with serine (K491A mutant enzyme). In the case of these mutant enzymes, inhibition by aspartic acid was not desensitized.

30 INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

The DNA sequence of the present invention codes for the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, and the microorganism harboring this DNA sequence produces the aforementioned enzyme.

The mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention does not substantially undergo activity inhibition by aspartic acid, so that it can be utilized for fermentative production of amino acids subjected to regulation of biosynthesis by aspartic acid and the like.

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SEQUENCE LISTING

(1) GENERAL INFORMATION:

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(ii) TITLE OF INVENTION: Mutant Phosphoenolpyruvate Carboxylase, Its gene, and Production Method of Amino Acid

(iii) NUMBER OF SEQUENCES: 12

(iv) COMPUTER READABLE FORM:

(A) MEDIUM TYPE: Floppy disk

(B) COMPUTER: IBM PC compatible

(C) OPERATING SYSTEM: PC-DOS/MS-DOS

(D) SOFTWARE: PatentIn Release #1.0, Version #1.25

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(A) APPLICATION NUMBER:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:1:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 5186

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: double

(D) TOPOLOGY: circular

(ii) MOLECULAR TYPE: other..genomic DNA and vector DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Escherichia coli

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS

(B) LOCATION: 237..2888

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

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25	TGAGCGTGA TTGTTGTGAT GCTCGTCAGG GGGGGGGAGC CTATGGAAA ACGCCAGCAA	4845
	CGCGGCCTTT TTACGGTTOC TGGCCTTTTG CTGGCCTTTT GCTCACATGT TCTTCTGTC	4905
	GTTATCCCT GATTCTGTGG ATAACCGTAT TACCGCTTT GAGTGAAGCTG ATACCGCTCG	4965
	COGCGACCGA ACGACCGAGC GCAGCGAGTC AGTGAGCGAG GAACCGGAAG AGCGCCCAAT	5025
30	ACGAAACCG CCTCTCCCG CGCGTTGGCC GATTCAATTAA TCCAGAAGGG TTGGTTTGC	5085
	CATTACAGT TCTCGCAAG AATTGATTGG CTCAATTCT TGGAGTGGTG AATCCGTTAG	5145
	CGAGGTGCCG CGGGCTTCCA TTCAGGTCGA GGTGGCCCOGG G	5186

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:2:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 883 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

Met Asn Glu Gln Tyr Ser Ala Leu Arg Ser Asn Val Ser Met Leu Gly

1	5	10	15
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Lys Val Leu Gly Glu Thr Ile Lys Asp Ala Leu Gly Glu His Ile Leu

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Glu Arg Val Glu Thr Ile Arg Lys Leu Ser Lys Ser Ser Arg Ala Gly

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Asn Asp Ala Asn Arg Gln Glu Leu Leu Thr Thr Leu Gln Asn Leu Ser

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Asn Asp Glu Leu Leu Pro Val Ala Arg Ala Phe Ser Gln Phe Leu Asn
 65 70 75 80
 5 Leu Ala Asn Thr Ala Glu Gln Tyr His Ser Ile Ser Pro Lys Gly Glu
 85 90 95
 Ala Ala Ser Asn Pro Glu Val Ile Ala Arg Thr Leu Arg Lys Leu Lys
 100 105 110
 10 Asn Gln Pro Glu Leu Ser Glu Asp Thr Ile Lys Lys Ala Val Glu Ser
 115 120 125
 Leu Ser Leu Glu Leu Val Leu Thr Ala His Pro Thr Glu Ile Thr Arg
 130 135 140
 15 Arg Thr Leu Ile His Lys Met Val Glu Val Asn Ala Cys Leu Lys Gln
 145 150 155 160
 Leu Asp Asn Lys Asp Ile Ala Asp Tyr Glu His Asn Gln Leu Met Arg
 165 170 175
 Arg Leu Arg Gln Leu Ile Ala Gln Ser Trp His Thr Asp Glu Ile Arg
 180 185 190
 20 Lys Leu Arg Pro Ser Pro Val Asp Glu Ala Lys Trp Gly Phe Ala Val
 195 200 205
 Val Glu Asn Ser Leu Trp Gln Gly Val Pro Asn Tyr Leu Arg Glu Leu
 210 215 220
 25 Asn Glu Gln Leu Glu Glu Asn Leu Gly Tyr Lys Leu Pro Val Glu Phe
 225 230 235 240
 Val Pro Val Arg Phe Thr Ser Trp Met Gly Gly Asp Arg Asp Gly Asn
 245 250 255
 30 Pro Asn Val Thr Ala Asp Ile Thr Arg His Val Leu Leu Ser Arg
 260 265 270
 Trp Lys Ala Thr Asp Leu Phe Leu Lys Asp Ile Gln Val Leu Val Ser
 275 280 285
 35 Glu Leu Ser Met Val Glu Ala Thr Pro Glu Leu Leu Ala Leu Val Gly
 290 295 300
 Glu Glu Gly Ala Ala Glu Pro Tyr Arg Tyr Leu Met Lys Asn Leu Arg
 305 310 315 320
 40 Ser Arg Leu Met Ala Thr Gln Ala Trp Leu Glu Ala Arg Leu Lys Gly
 325 330 335
 Glu Glu Leu Pro Lys Pro Glu Gly Leu Leu Thr Gln Asn Glu Glu Leu
 340 345 350
 Trp Glu Pro Leu Tyr Ala Cys Tyr Gln Ser Leu Gln Ala Cys Gly Met
 355 360 365
 45 Gly Ile Ile Ala Asn Gly Asp Leu Leu Asp Thr Leu Arg Arg Val Lys
 370 375 380
 Cys Phe Gly Val Pro Leu Val Arg Ile Asp Ile Arg Gln Glu Ser Thr
 385 390 395 400
 50 Arg His Thr Glu Ala Leu Gly Glu Leu Thr Arg Tyr Leu Gly Ile Gly
 405 410 415
 Asp Tyr Glu Ser Trp Ser Glu Ala Asp Lys Gln Ala Phe Leu Ile Arg

	420	425	430
	Glu Leu Asn Ser Lys Arg Pro Leu Leu Pro Arg Asn Trp Gln Pro Ser		
5	435	440	445
	Ala Glu Thr Arg Glu Val Leu Asp Thr Cys Gln Val Ile Ala Glu Ala		
	450	455	460
	Pro Gln Gly Ser Ile Ala Ala Tyr Val Ile Ser Met Ala Lys Thr Pro		
10	465	470	475
	Ser Asp Val Leu Ala Val His Leu Leu Leu Lys Glu Ala Gly Ile Gly		
	485	490	495
	Phe Ala Met Pro Val Ala Pro Leu Phe Glu Thr Leu Asp Asp Leu Asn		
	500	505	510
15	Asn Ala Asn Asp Val Met Thr Gln Leu Leu Asn Ile Asp Trp Tyr Arg		
	515	520	525
	Gly Leu Ile Gln Gly Lys Gln Met Val Met Ile Gly Tyr Ser Asp Ser		
	530	535	540
20	Ala Lys Asp Ala Gly Val Met Ala Ala Ser Trp Ala Gln Tyr Gln Ala		
	545	550	555
	Gln Asp Ala Leu Ile Lys Thr Cys Glu Lys Ala Gly Ile Glu Leu Thr		
	565	570	575
	Leu Phe His Gly Arg Gly Ser Ile Gly Arg Gly Gly Ala Pro Ala		
25	580	585	590
	His Ala Ala Leu Leu Ser Gln Pro Pro Gly Ser Leu Lys Gly Gly Leu		
	595	600	605
	Arg Val Thr Glu Gln Gly Glu Met Ile Arg Phe Lys Tyr Gly Leu Pro		
30	610	615	620
	Glu Ile Thr Val Ser Ser Leu Ser Leu Tyr Thr Gly Ala Ile Leu Glu		
	625	630	635
	Ala Asn Leu Leu Pro Pro Pro Glu Pro Lys Glu Ser Trp Arg Arg Ile		
	645	650	655
35	Met Asp Glu Leu Ser Val Ile Ser Cys Asp Val Tyr Arg Gly Tyr Val		
	660	665	670
	Arg Glu Asn Lys Asp Phe Val Pro Tyr Phe Arg Ser Ala Thr Pro Glu		
	675	680	685
40	Gln Glu Leu Gly Lys Leu Pro Leu Gly Ser Arg Pro Ala Lys Arg Arg		
	690	695	700
	Pro Thr Gly Gly Val Glu Ser Leu Arg Ala Ile Pro Trp Ile Phe Ala		
	705	710	715
	Trp Thr Gln Asn Arg Leu Met Leu Pro Ala Trp Leu Gly Ala Gly Thr		
45	725	730	735
	Ala Leu Gln Lys Val Val Glu Asp Gly Lys Gln Ser Glu Leu Glu Ala		
	740	745	750
	Met Cys Arg Asp Trp Pro Phe Phe Ser Thr Arg Leu Gly Met Leu Glu		
50	755	760	765
	Met Val Phe Ala Lys Ala Asp Leu Trp Leu Ala Glu Tyr Tyr Asp Gln		
	770	775	780

Arg Leu Val Asp Lys Ala Leu Trp Pro Leu Gly Lys Glu Leu Arg Asn
 785 790 795 800
 Leu Gln Glu Glu Asp Ile Lys Val Val Leu Ala Ile Ala Asn Asp Ser
 805 810 815
 His Leu Met Ala Asp Leu Pro Trp Ile Ala Glu Ser Ile Gln Leu Arg
 820 825 830
 Asn Ile Tyr Thr Asp Pro Leu Asn Val Leu Gln Ala Glu Leu Leu His
 835 840 845
 Arg Ser Arg Gln Ala Glu Lys Glu Gly Gln Glu Pro Asp Pro Arg Val
 850 855 860
 Glu Gln Ala Leu Met Val Thr Ile Ala Gly Ile Ala Ala Gly Met Arg
 865 870 875 880
 Asn Thr Gly

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:3:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 23
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULAR TYPE: other..synthetic DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:3:

TCGCGAAGTA GCACCTGTCA CTT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:4:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 21
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULAR TYPE: other..synthetic DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:4:

ACGGAATTCA ATCTTACGGC C

21

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:5:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1643
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULAR TYPE: genomic DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Corynebacterium glutamicum
(C) STRAIN: ATCC13869

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: mat peptide
(B) LOCATION: 217..1482

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

10	TOCGAAGTA GCACCTGTCA CTTTTGTCTC AAATATTAAA TCGAATATCA ATATAACGGTC	60
	TGTTTATTGG AACGCATCCC AGTGGCTGAG ACGCATCCGC TAAAGCCCA GGAACCTGT	120
	GCAGAAAGAA AACACTOCTC TGGCTAGGTA GACACAGTTT ATAAAGGTAG AGTTGAGCGG	180
	GTAACTGTCA GCACGTAGAT CGAAAGGTGC ACAAAAG GTG GCC CTG GTC GTA CAG	234
	Met Ala Leu Val Val Gln	
15	1 5	
	AAA TAT GGC GGT TCC TCG CTT GAG AGT GCG GAA CGC ATT AGA AAC GTC	282
	Lys Tyr Gly Gly Ser Ser Leu Glu Ser Ala Glu Arg Ile Arg Asn Val	
	10 15 20	
20	GCT GAA CGG ATC GTT GCC ACC AAG AAG GCT GGA AAT GAT GTC GTG GTT	330
	Ala Glu Arg Ile Val Ala Thr Lys Lys Ala Gly Asn Asp Val Val Val	
	25 30 35	
	GTC TCC TCC GCA ATG GGA GAC ACC ACG GAT GAA CTT CTA GAA CTT GCA	378
	Val Cys Ser Ala Met Gly Asp Thr Thr Asp Glu Leu Leu Glu Leu Ala	
25	40 45 50	
	GCG GCA GTG AAT CCC GTT CCG CCA GCT CGT GAA ATG GAT ATG CTC CTG	426
	Ala Ala Val Asn Pro Val Pro Pro Ala Arg Glu Met Asp Met Leu Leu	
	55 60 65 70	
30	ACT GCT GGT GAG CGT ATT TCT AAC GCT CTC GTC GCC ATG GCT ATT GAG	474
	Thr Ala Gly Glu Arg Ile Ser Asn Ala Leu Val Ala Met Ala Ile Glu	
	75 80 85	
	TCC CTT GGC GCA GAA GCT CAA TCT TTC ACT GGC TCT CAG GCT GGT GTG	522
	Ser Leu Gly Ala Ala Gln Ser Phe Thr Gly Ser Gln Ala Gly Val	
35	90 95 100	
	CTC ACC ACC GAG CGC CAC GGA AAC GCA CGC ATT GTT GAC GTC ACA CCG	570
	Leu Thr Thr Glu Arg His Gly Asn Ala Arg Ile Val Asp Val Thr Pro	
	105 110 115	
40	GGT CGT GTG CGT GAA GCA CTC GAT GAG GGC AAG ATC TGC ATT GTT GCT	618
	Gly Arg Val Arg Glu Ala Leu Asp Glu Gly Lys Ile Cys Ile Val Ala	
	120 125 130	
	GGT TTT CAG GGT GTT AAT AAA GAA ACC CGC GAT GTC ACC ACG TTG GGT	666
	Gly Phe Gln Gly Val Asn Lys Glu Thr Arg Asp Val Thr Thr Leu Gly	
45	135 140 145 150	
	CGT GGT GGT TCT GAC ACC ACT GCA GTT GCG TTG GCA GCT GCT TTG AAC	714
	Arg Gly Gly Ser Asp Thr Thr Ala Val Ala Leu Ala Ala Leu Asn	
	155 160 165	

GCT	GAT	GTG	TGT	GAG	ATT	TAC	TCG	GAC	GTT	GAC	GGT	GTG	TAT	ACC	GCT	762
Ala	Asp	Val	Cys	Glu	Ile	Tyr	Ser	Asp	Val	Asp	Gly	Val	Tyr	Thr	Ala	
170					175							180				
5																
GAC	CCG	CGC	ATC	GTT	CCT	AAT	GCA	CAG	AAG	CTG	GAA	AAG	CTC	AGC	TTC	810
Asp	Pro	Arg	Ile	Val	Pro	Asn	Ala	Gln	Lys	Leu	Glu	Lys	Leu	Ser	Phe	
185					190						195					
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GAA	GAA	ATG	CTG	GAA	CTT	GCT	GCT	GGC	TCC	AAG	ATT	TTG	GTG	CTG	858	
Glu	Glu	Met	Leu	Glu	Leu	Ala	Ala	Val	Gly	Ser	Lys	Ile	Leu	Val	Leu	
200		205				210										
15																
CGC	AGT	GTT	GAA	TAC	GCT	CGT	GCA	TTC	AAT	GTG	CCA	CTT	CGC	GTA	CGC	906
Arg	Ser	Val	Glu	Tyr	Ala	Arg	Ala	Phe	Asn	Val	Pro	Leu	Arg	Val	Arg	
215		220			225						230					
15																
TCG	TCT	TAT	AGT	AAT	GAT	CCC	GGC	ACT	TTG	ATT	GCC	GGC	TCT	ATG	GAG	954
Ser	Ser	Tyr	Ser	Asn	Asp	Pro	Gly	Thr	Leu	Ile	Ala	Gly	Ser	Met	Glu	
235				240						245						
20																
GAT	ATT	CCT	GTG	GAA	GAA	GCA	GTC	CTT	ACC	GGT	GTC	GCA	ACC	GAC	AAG	1002
Asp	Ile	Pro	Val	Glu	Ala	Val	Leu	Thr	Gly	Val	Ala	Thr	Asp	Lys		
250		255			260											
25																
TCC	GAA	GCC	AAA	GTA	ACC	GTT	CTG	GGT	ATT	TCC	GAT	AAG	CCA	GGC	GAG	1050
Ser	Glu	Ala	Lys	Val	Thr	Val	Leu	Gly	Ile	Ser	Asp	Lys	Pro	Gly	Glu	
265			270			275										
25																
GCT	GCC	AAG	GTT	TTC	CGT	GCG	TTG	GCT	GAT	GCA	GAA	ATC	AAC	ATT	GAC	1098
Ala	Ala	Lys	Val	Phe	Arg	Ala	Leu	Ala	Asp	Ala	Glu	Ile	Asn	Ile	Asp	
280		285			290											
30																
ATG	GTT	CTG	CAG	AAC	GTC	TCC	TCT	GTG	GAA	GAC	GGC	ACC	ACC	GAC	ATC	1146
Met	Val	Leu	Gln	Asn	Val	Ser	Ser	Val	Glu	Asp	Gly	Thr	Thr	Asp	Ile	
295		300			305						310					
30																
ACG	TTC	ACC	TGC	CCT	CGC	GCT	GAC	GGA	CGC	CGT	GCG	ATG	GAG	ATC	TTG	1194
Thr	Phe	Thr	Cys	Pro	Arg	Ala	Asp	Gly	Arg	Arg	Ala	Met	Glu	Ile	Leu	
315			320			325										
35																
AAG	AAG	CTT	CAG	GTT	CAG	GGC	AAC	TGG	ACC	AAT	GTG	CTT	TAC	GAC	GAC	1242
Lys	Lys	Leu	Gln	Val	Gln	Gly	Asn	Trp	Thr	Asn	Val	Leu	Tyr	Asp	Asp	
330			335			340										
40																
CAG	GTC	GGC	AAA	GTC	TCC	CTC	GTG	GGT	GCT	GGC	ATG	AAG	TCT	CAC	CCA	1290
Gln	Val	Gly	Lys	Val	Ser	Leu	Val	Gly	Ala	Gly	Met	Lys	Ser	His	Pro	
345			350			355										
45																
GGT	GTT	ACC	GCA	GAG	TTC	ATG	GAA	GCT	CTG	CGC	GAT	GTC	AAC	GTG	AAC	1338
Gly	Val	Thr	Ala	Glu	Phe	Met	Glu	Ala	Leu	Arg	Asp	Val	Asn	Val	Asn	
360			365			370										
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ATC	GAA	TTG	ATT	TCC	ACC	TCT	GAG	ATC	CGC	ATT	TCC	GTG	CTG	ATC	CGT	1386
Ile	Glu	Leu	Ile	Ser	Thr	Ser	Glu	Ile	Arg	Ile	Ser	Val	Leu	Ile	Arg	
375			380			385						390				
55																
GAA	GAT	GAT	CTG	GAT	GCT	GCA	CGT	GCA	TTG	CAT	GAG	CAG	TTC	CAG	Glu	1434
Glu	Asp	Asp	Leu	Asp	Ala	Ala	Arg	Ala	Glu	His	Gln	Phé	Gln			
395			400			405										

5 CTG GGC GGC GAA GAC GAA GCC GTC GTT TAT GCA GGC ACC GGA CGC TAA 1482
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 410 415 420
 10 AGTTTTAAAG GAGTAGTTTT ACAATGACCA CCATGCCAGT TGTTGGTGCA ACCGGCCAGG 1542
 TCGGCCAGGT TATGCCAACC CTTTGGAAG AGCGCAATT CCCAGCTGAC ACTGTTCGTT 1602
 TCTTTGCTTC CCGCGGTCC GCAGGCCGTA AGATTGAATT C 1643

10 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 421 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

15 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

Met Ala Leu Val Val Gln Lys Tyr Gly Gly Ser Ser Leu Glu Ser Ala
 1 5 10 15

20 Glu Arg Ile Arg Asn Val Ala Glu Arg Ile Val Ala Thr Lys Lys Ala
 20 25 30

Gly Asn Asp Val Val Val Cys Ser Ala Met Gly Asp Thr Thr Asp
 35 40 45

25 Glu Leu Leu Glu Leu Ala Ala Val Asn Pro Val Pro Pro Ala Arg
 50 55 60

Glu Met Asp Met Leu Leu Thr Ala Gly Glu Arg Ile Ser Asn Ala Leu
 65 70 75 80

30 Val Ala Met Ala Ile Glu Ser Leu Gly Ala Glu Ala Gln Ser Phe Thr
 85 90 95

Gly Ser Gln Ala Gly Val Leu Thr Thr Glu Arg His Gly Asn Ala Arg
 100 105 110

35 Ile Val Asp Val Thr Pro Gly Arg Val Arg Glu Ala Leu Asp Glu Gly
 115 120 125

Lys Ile Cys Ile Val Ala Gly Phe Gln Gly Val Asn Lys Glu Thr Arg
 130 135 140

Asp Val Thr Thr Leu Gly Arg Gly Ser Asp Thr Thr Ala Val Ala
 145 150 155 160

40 Leu Ala Ala Ala Leu Asn Ala Asp Val Cys Glu Ile Tyr Ser Asp Val
 165 170 175

Asp Gly Val Tyr Thr Ala Asp Pro Arg Ile Val Pro Asn Ala Gln Lys
 180 185 190

45 Leu Glu Lys Leu Ser Phe Glu Glu Met Leu Glu Leu Ala Ala Val Gly
 195 200 205

Ser Lys Ile Leu Val Leu Arg Ser Val Glu Tyr Ala Arg Ala Phe Asn
 210 215 220

Val Pro Leu Arg Val Arg Ser Ser Tyr Ser Asn Asp Pro Gly Thr Leu
 225 230 235 240

Ile Ala Gly Ser Met Glu Asp Ile Pro Val Glu Glu Ala Val Leu Thr
 245 250 255
 5 Gly Val Ala Thr Asp Lys Ser Glu Ala Lys Val Thr Val Leu Gly Ile
 260 265 270
 Ser Asp Lys Pro Gly Glu Ala Ala Lys Val Phe Arg Ala Leu Ala Asp
 275 280 285
 10 Ala Glu Ile Asn Ile Asp Met Val Leu Gln Asn Val Ser Ser Val Glu
 290 295 300
 Asp Gly Thr Thr Asp Ile Thr Phe Thr Cys Pro Arg Ala Asp Gly Arg
 305 310 315 320
 15 Arg Ala Met Glu Ile Leu Lys Lys Leu Gln Val Gln Gly Asn Trp Thr
 325 330 335
 Asn Val Leu Tyr Asp Asp Gln Val Gly Lys Val Ser Leu Val Gly Ala
 340 345 350
 Gly Met Lys Ser His Pro Gly Val Thr Ala Glu Phe Met Glu Ala Leu
 355 360 365
 20 Arg Asp Val Asn Val Asn Ile Glu Leu Ile Ser Thr Ser Glu Ile Arg
 370 375 380
 Ile Ser Val Leu Ile Arg Glu Asp Asp Leu Asp Ala Ala Ala Arg Ala
 385 390 395 400
 25 Leu His Glu Gln Phe Gln Leu Gly Gly Glu Asp Glu Ala Val Val Tyr
 405 410 415
 Ala Gly Thr Gly Arg
 420

30 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1643
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: double
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

35 (ii) MOLECULAR TYPE: genomic DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

40 (vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: *Corynebacterium glutamicum*
- (C) STRAIN: ATCC13869

45 (ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: mat peptide
- (B) LOCATION: 964..1482

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:7:

TCGGCGAAGTCA	GCACCTGTCA	CTTTTGTCTC	AAATATTAAA	TCGAATATCA	ATATAACGGTC	60
TGTTTATTGG	AACGCATCCC	AGTGGCTGAG	ACGCATCGC	TAAAGCCCCA	GGAAACCCCTGT	120
50	GCAGAAAGAA	AACACTCCCTC	TGGCTAGCTA	GACACAGTTT	ATAAAGGTAG	180
	GTAACGTGTC	GCACGTAGAT	CGAAAGGTGC	ACAAAGGTGG	CCCTGGTCGT	240

	GGCGGTTCT CGCTTGAGAG TGGGAAACG ATTAGAAACG TCGCTGAACG GATCGTTGCC	300
	ACCAAGAAGG CTGGAAATGA TGTCGTGGTT GTCTGCTCCG CAATGGGAGA CACCAACGGAT	360
5	GAACCTCTAG AACTTGACGC GGCACTGAAT CCCGTTCCGC CAGCTCGTGA AATGGATATG	420
	CTOCTGACTG CTGGTGAGCG TATTTCTAAC GCTCTCGTGC CCATGGCTAT TGAGTCCCTT	480
	GGCGCAGAAG CTCAATCTTT CACTGGCTCT CAGGCTGGTG TGCTCACAC CGAGCGCCAC	540
	GGAAACCGCAC GCATTTGTTGA CGTCACACCG GGTGTTGTTGC GTGAAGGACT CGATGAGGGC	600
	AAGATCTGCA TTGTTGCTGG TTTTCAGGGT GTTAATAAAAG AAACCCCGCGA TGTCACCACG	660
10	TTGGGTCGTG GTGGTTCTGA CACCACTGCA GTTGCCTTGG CAGCTGCTTT GAACGCTGAT	720
	GTGTGTGAGA TTTACTCGGA CGTTGACGGT GTGTATACCG CTGACCCGCG CACGGTCTCT	780
	AATGCCACAGA AGCTGGAAAA GCTCAGCTTC GAAGAAATGC TGGAACCTTGC TGCTGTTGGC	840
	TCCAAGATTT TGGTGCTGCG CAGTGTGAA TACGCTCGTGC CATTCAATGT GCCACTTCGC	900
15	GTACGCTCGT CTTATAGTAA TGATCCCGGC ACTTTGATTG CCGGCTCTAT GGAGGATATT	960
	CCT GTG GAA GAA GCA GTC CTT ACC GGT GTC GCA ACC GAC AAG TCC GAA	1008
	Met Glu Glu Ala Val Leu Thr Gly Val Ala Thr Asp Lys Ser Glu	
	1 5 10 15	
20	GCC AAA GTA ACC GTT CTG GGT ATT TCC GAT AAG CCA GGC GAG GCT GCC	1056
	Ala Lys Val Thr Val Leu Gly Ile Ser Asp Lys Pro Gly Glu Ala Ala	
	20 25 30	
	AAG GTT TTC CGT GCG TTG GCT GAT GCA GAA ATC AAC ATT GAC ATG GTT	1104
	Lys Val Phe Arg Ala Leu Ala Asp Ala Glu Ile Asn Ile Asp Met Val	
	35 40 45	
25	CTG CAG AAC GTC TCC TCT GTG GAA GAC GGC ACC ACC GAC ATC ACG TTC	1152
	Leu Gln Asn Val Ser Ser Val Glu Asp Gly Thr Thr Asp Ile Thr Phe	
	50 55 60	
30	ACC TGC CCT CGC GCT GAC GGA CGC CGT GCG ATG GAG ATC TTG AAG AAG	1200
	Thr Cys Pro Arg Ala Asp Gly Arg Arg Ala Met Glu Ile Leu Lys Lys	
	65 70 75	
	CTT CAG GTT CAG GGC AAC TGG ACC AAT GTG CTT TAC GAC GAC CAG GTC	1248
	Leu Gln Val Gln Gly Asn Trp Thr Asn Val Leu Tyr Asp Asp Gln Val	
	80 85 90 95	
35	GTC AAA GTC TCC CTC GTG GGT GCT GGC ATG AAG TCT CAC CCA GGT GTT	1296
	Gly Lys Val Ser Leu Val Gly Ala Gly Met Lys Ser His Pro Gly Val	
	100 105 110	
40	ACC GCA GAG TTC ATG GAA GCT CTG CGC GAT GTC AAC GTG AAC ATC GAA	1344
	Thr Ala Glu Phe Met Glu Ala Leu Arg Asp Val Asn Val Asn Ile Glu	
	115 120 125	
	TTG ATT TCC ACC TCT GAG ATC CGC ATT TCC GTG CTG ATC CGT GAA GAT	1392
	Leu Ile Ser Thr Ser Glu Ile Arg Ile Ser Val Leu Ile Arg Glu Asp	
	130 135 140	
45	GAT CTG GAT GCT GCA CGT GCA TTG CAT GAG CAG TTC CAG CTG GGC	1440
	Asp Leu Asp Ala Ala Arg Ala Leu His Glu Gln Phe Gln Leu Gly	
	145 150 155	
	GGC GAA GAC GAA GCC GTC GTT TAT GCA GGC ACC GGA CGC TAAAGTTTAA	1490
50	Gly Glu Asp Glu Ala Val Val Tyr Ala Gly Thr Gly Arg	
	160 165 170 172	

5 AGGAGTAGTT TTACAATGAC CACCATCGCA GTTGGTGGTG CAACCGGCCA GGTCGGCCAG 1550
 GTTATGCGCA CCCTTTGGA AGAGCGCAAT TTCCCAGCTG ACACTGTTCG TTTCTTGCT 1610
 TCCCCGCGTT CGCAGGCCG TAAGATTGAA TTC 1643

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

10 (A) LENGTH: 172 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

15 Met Glu Glu Ala Val Leu Thr Gly Val Ala Thr Asp Lys Ser Glu Ala
 1 5 10 15
 Lys Val Thr Val Leu Gly Ile Ser Asp Lys Pro Gly Glu Ala Ala Lys
 20 25 30
 Val Phe Arg Ala Leu Ala Asp Ala Glu Ile Asn Ile Asp Met Val Leu
 25 35 40 45
 Gln Asn Val Ser Ser Val Glu Asp Gly Thr Thr Asp Ile Thr Phe Thr
 30 50 55 60
 Cys Pro Arg Ala Asp Gly Arg Arg Ala Met Glu Ile Leu Lys Lys Leu
 35 65 70 75 80
 25 Gln Val Gln Gly Asn Trp Thr Asn Val Leu Tyr Asp Asp Gln Val Gly
 40 85 90 95
 Lys Val Ser Leu Val Gly Ala Gly Met Lys Ser His Pro Gly Val Thr
 45 100 105 110
 30 Ala Glu Phe Met Glu Ala Leu Arg Asp Val Asn Val Asn Ile Glu Leu
 50 115 120 125
 Ile Ser Thr Ser Glu Ile Arg Ile Ser Val Leu Ile Arg Glu Asp Asp
 55 130 135 140
 35 Leu Asp Ala Ala Ala Arg Ala Leu His Glu Gln Phe Gln Leu Gly Gly
 60 145 150 155 160
 Glu Asp Glu Ala Val Val Tyr Ala Gly Thr Gly Arg
 65 165 170

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

40 (A) LENGTH: 16
 (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULAR TYPE: other..synthetic DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

50 AAAAACCTGC GTTCTC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULAR TYPE: other..synthetic DNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

TGACTTAAG GTTTACAGGCC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 20

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

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Claims

1. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase originating from a microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia, wherein said mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase has mutation to desensitize feedback inhibition of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase by aspartic acid.
2. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to claim 1, which, in the case of being allowed to exist in cells of a microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia, gives the cells resistance to a compound having the following properties:
it exhibits a growth inhibitory action against a microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia which produces a wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase;
said growth inhibitory action is recovered by existence of L-glutamic acid or L-aspartic acid; and
it inhibits wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase activity.
3. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to claim 2, wherein said compound is selected from 3-bromopyruvate, aspartic acid- β -hydrazide and DL-threo- β -hydroxyaspartic acid.

4. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to claim 1, wherein said mutation is mutation to replace 625th glutamic acid with lysine as counted from the N-terminus of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.
5. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to claim 1, wherein said mutation is mutation to replace 222th arginine with histidine and 223th glutamic acid with lysine respectively as counted from the N-terminus of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.
10. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to claim 1, wherein said mutation is mutation to replace 288th serine with phenylalanine, 289th glutamic acid with lysine, 551th methionine with isoleucine and 804th glutamic acid with lysine respectively as counted from the N-terminus of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.
15. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to claim 1, wherein said mutation is mutation to replace 867th alanine with threonine as counted from the N-terminus of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.
20. 8. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to claim 1, wherein said mutation is mutation to replace 438th arginine with cysteine as counted from the N-terminus of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.
25. 9. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to claim 1, wherein said mutation is mutation to replace 620th lysine with serine as counted from the N-terminus of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.
30. 10. A DNA fragment which codes for the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to any one of claims 1 to 9.
35. 11. A microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia or coryneform bacteria, transformed by allowing the DNA fragment according to claim 10 to be integrated in chromosomal DNA.
12. A recombinant DNA formed by ligating the DNA fragment according to claim 10 with a vector DNA capable of autonomously replication in cells of bacteria belonging to the genus Escherichia or coryneform bacteria.
30. 13. A microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia or coryneform bacteria, transformed with the recombinant DNA according to claim 12.
40. 14. A method of producing amino acid, comprising:
cultivating the microorganism according to claim 11 or 13 in a suitable medium; and
separating, from the medium, an amino acid selected from the group consisting of L-lysine, L-threonine, L-methionine, L-isoleucine, L-glutamic acid, L-arginine and L-proline.

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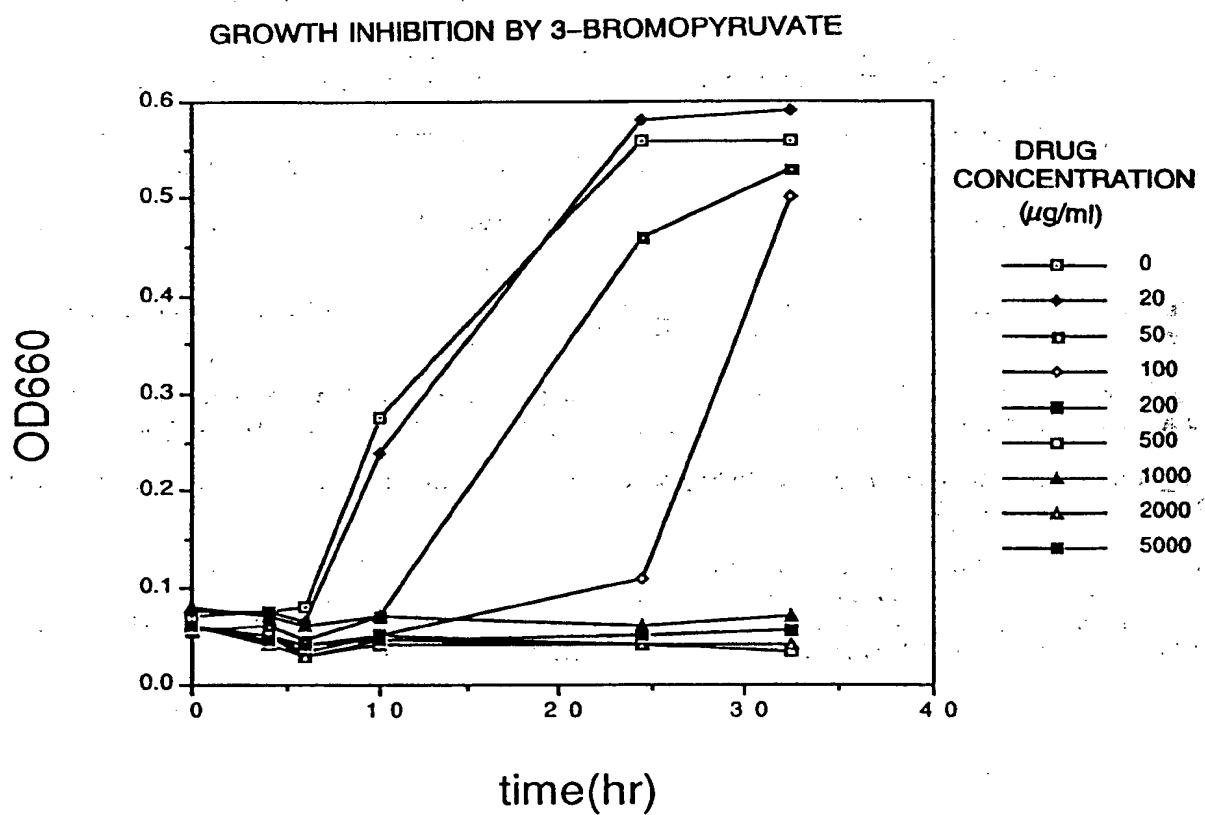


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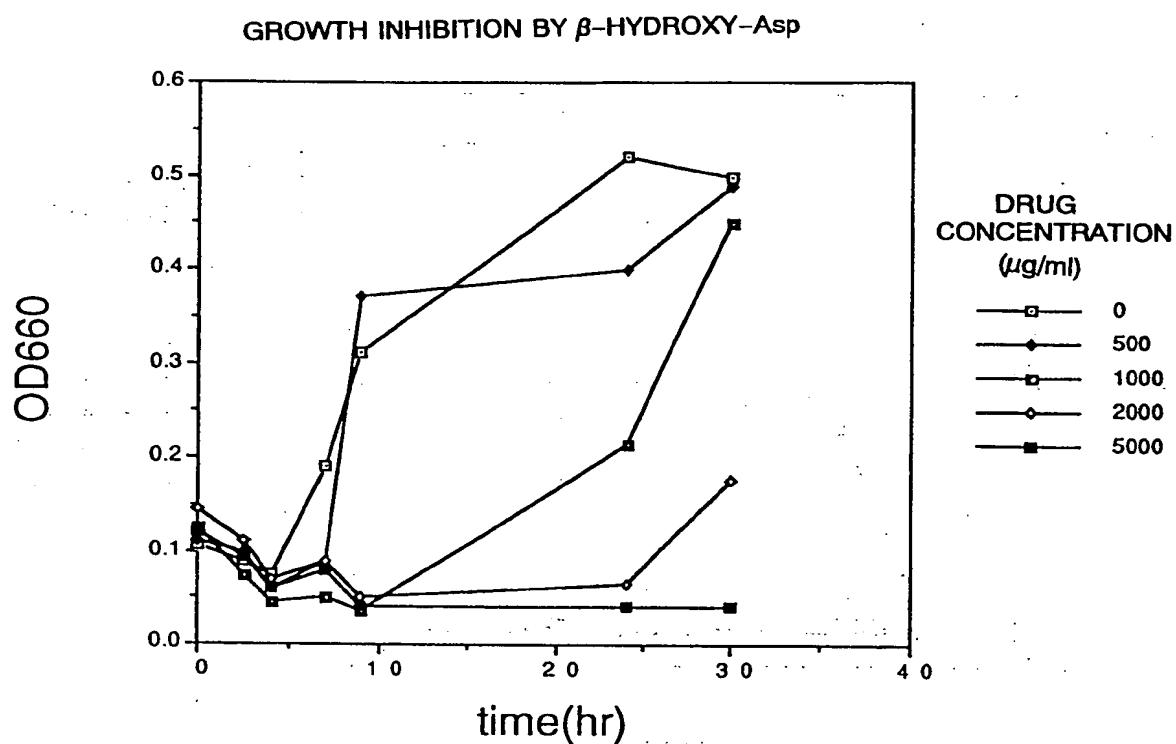


Fig. 2

GROWTH INHIBITION BY β -Asp-HYDROXAZIDE

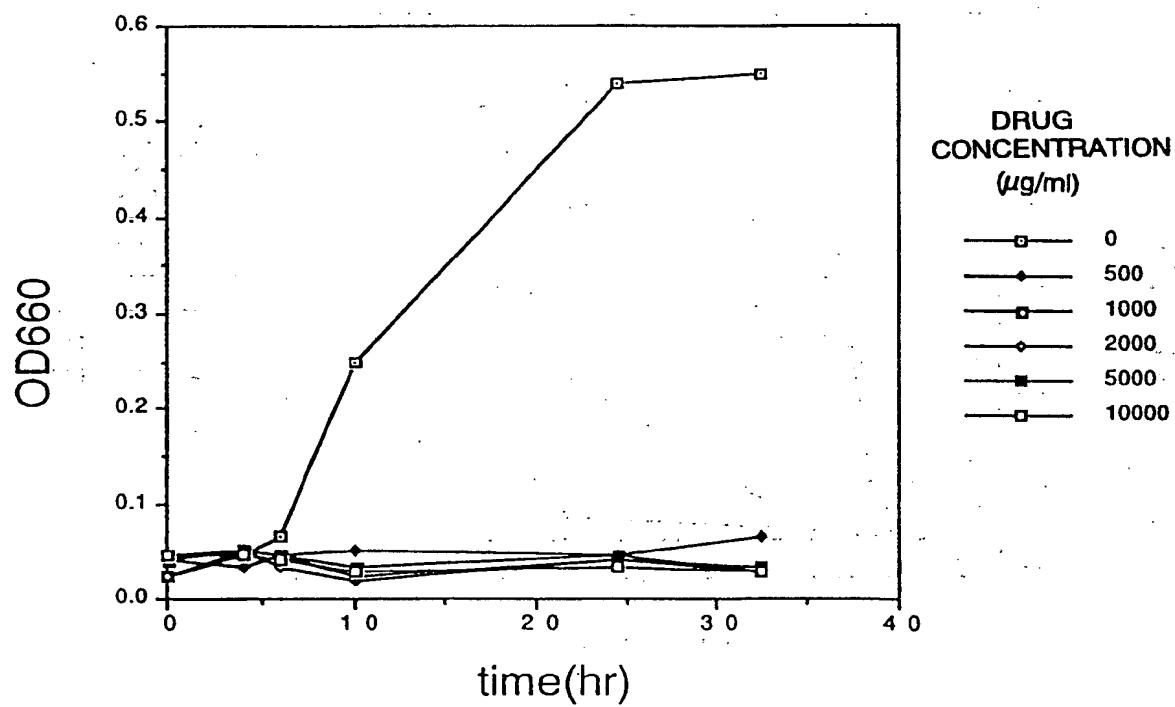


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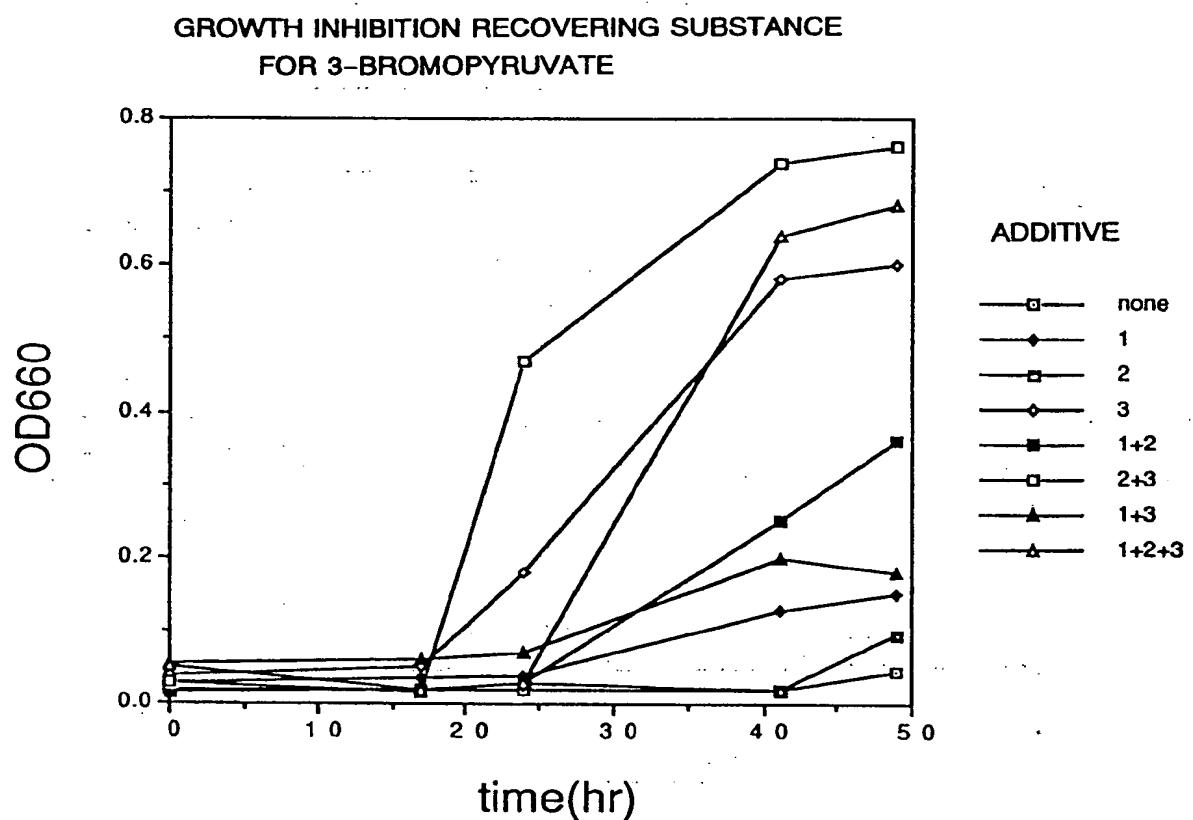


Fig. 4

GROWTH INHIBITION RECOVERING SUBSTANCE
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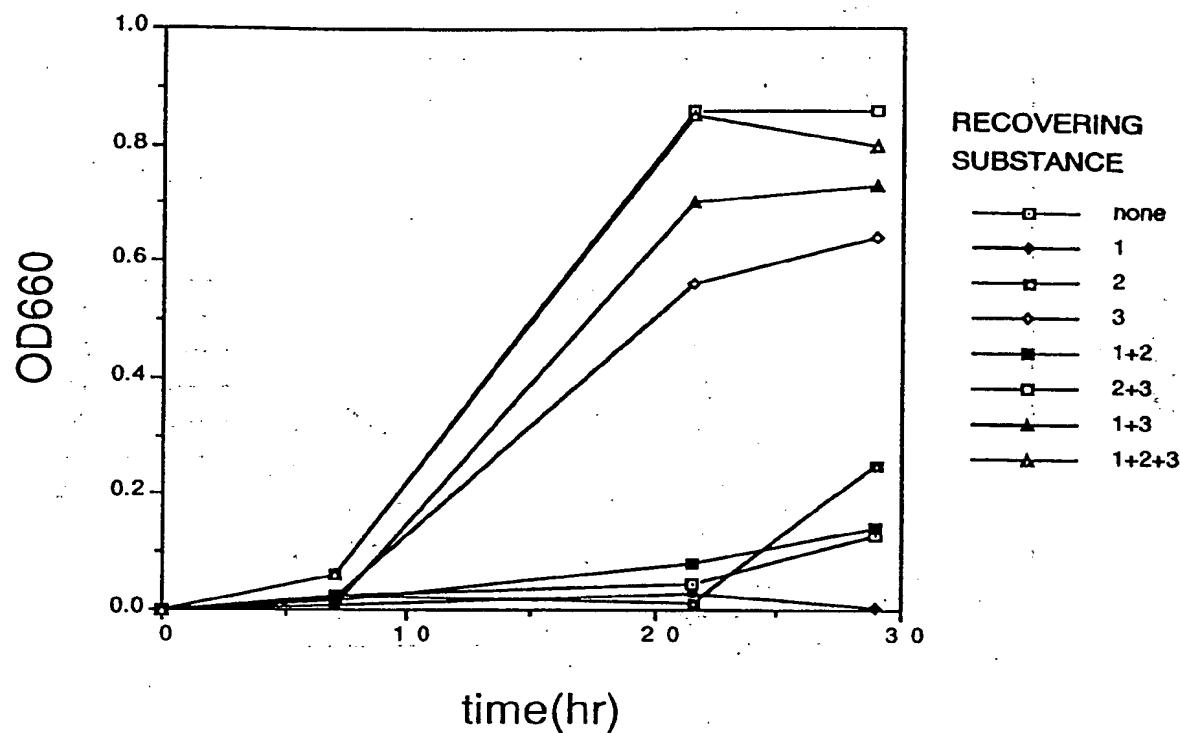


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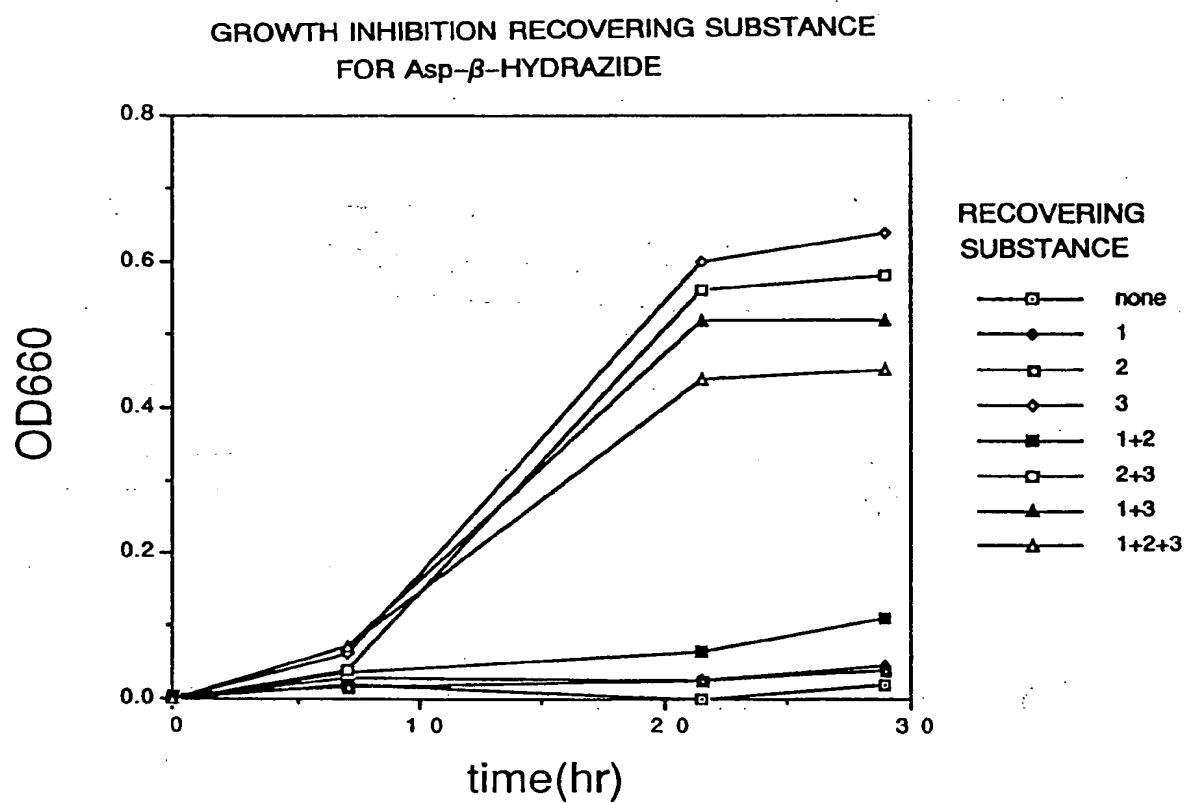


Fig. 6

INVESTIGATION ON GROWTH RECOVERING FACTOR
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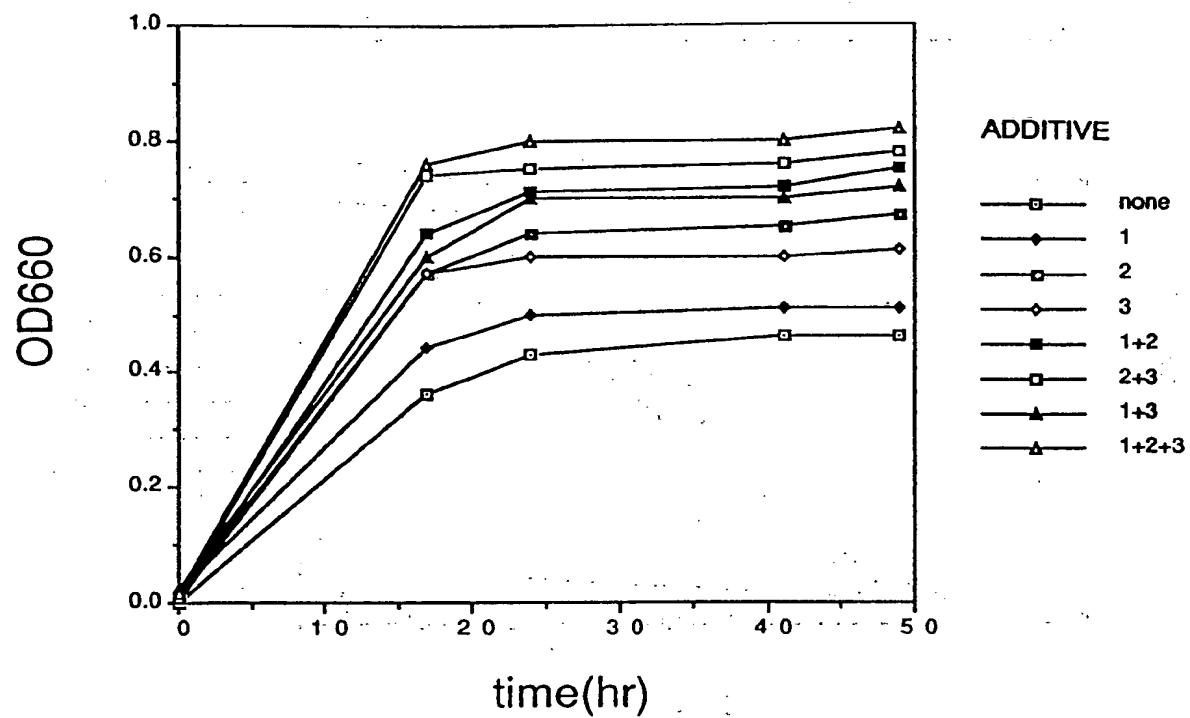


Fig. 7

INHIBITION OF PEPC ACTIVITY BY SELECTED DRUGS

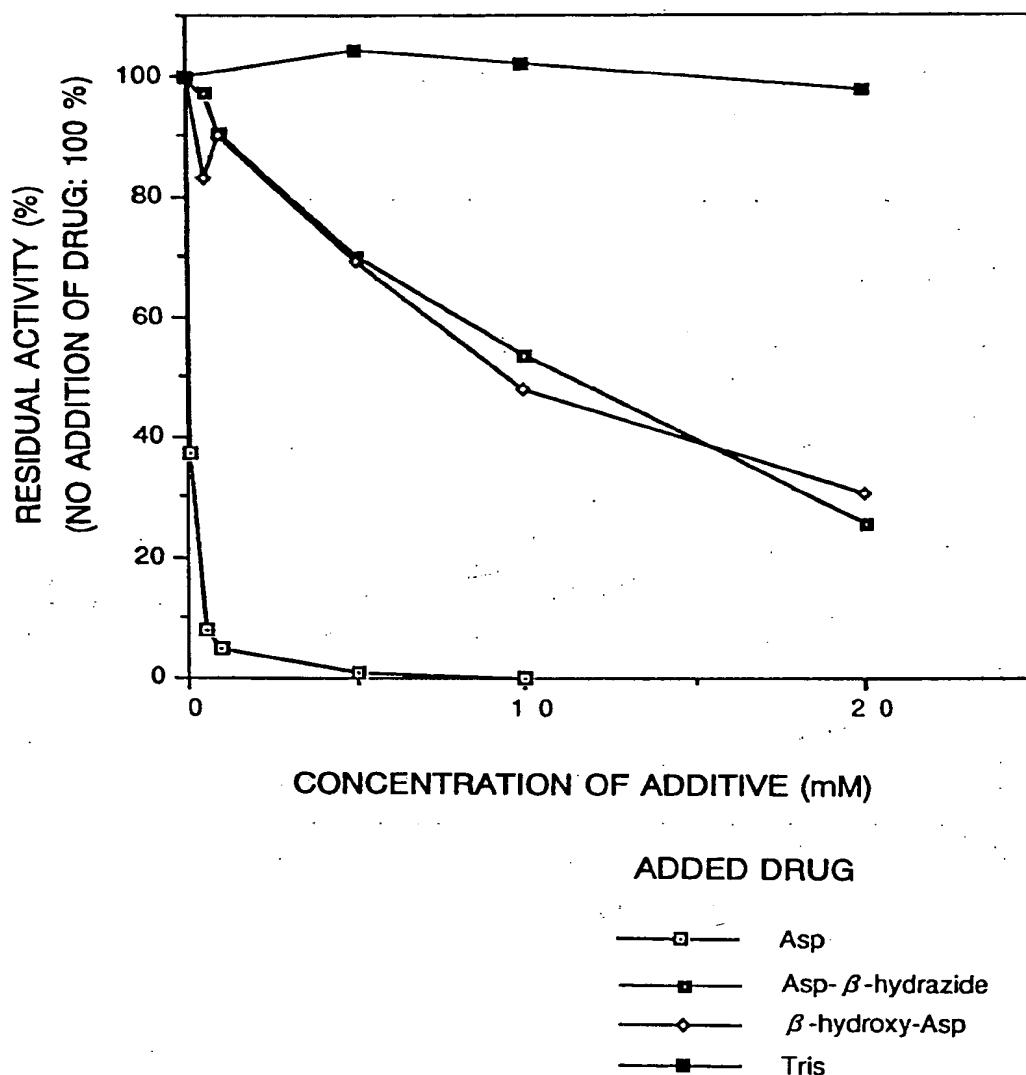


Fig. 8

INHIBITION OF MUTANT TYPE PEPC BY Asp
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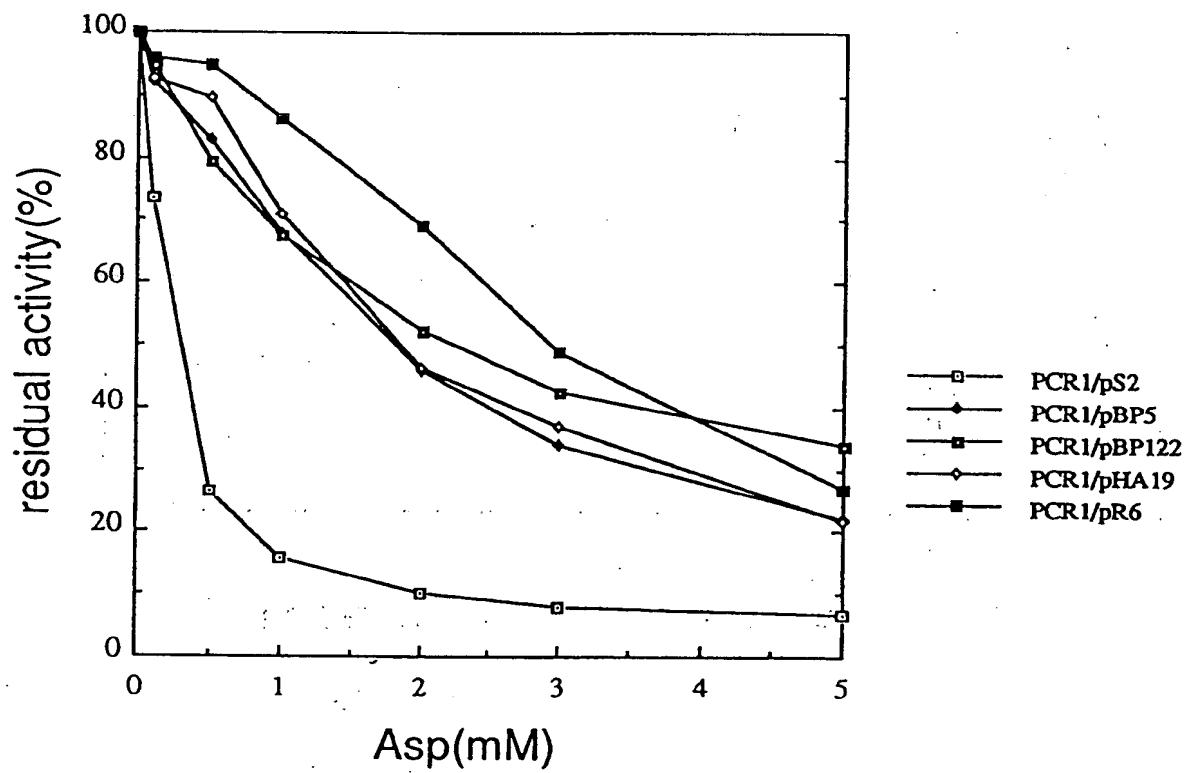


Fig. 9

INHIBITION OF MUTANT TYPE PEPC BY Asp
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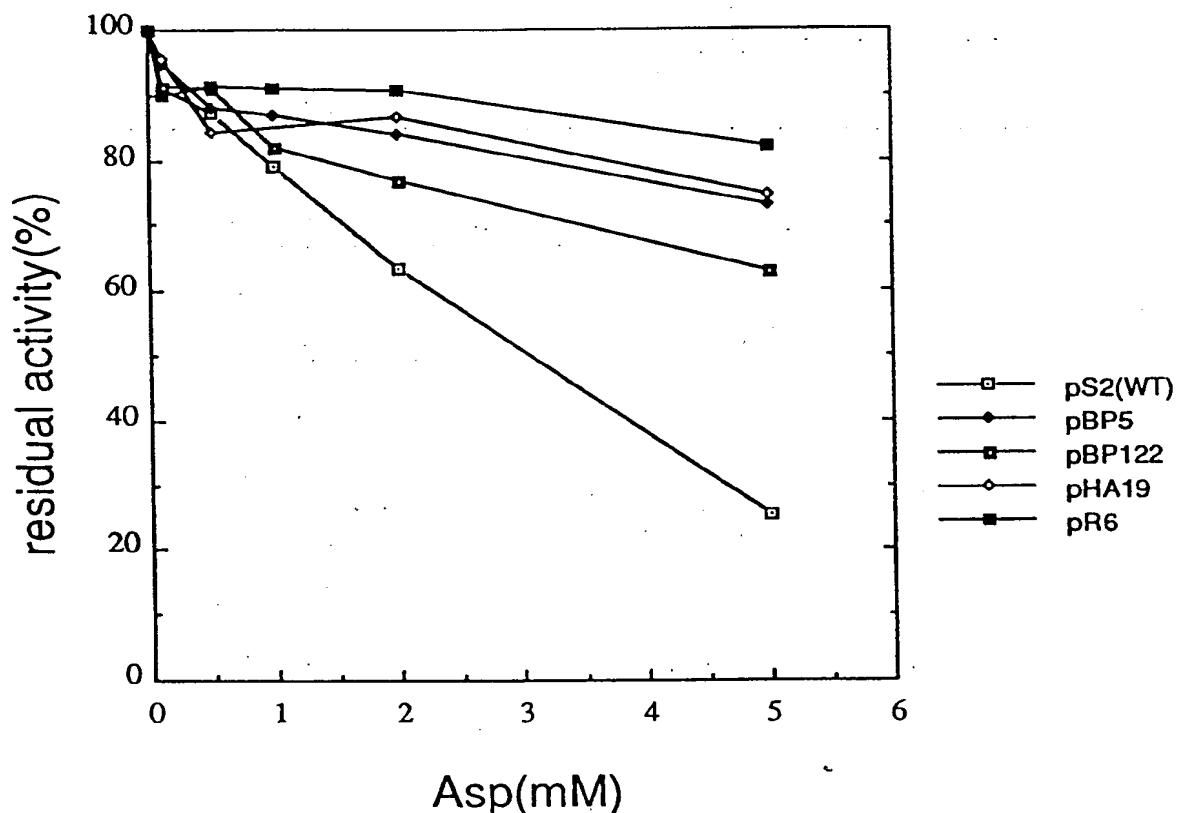


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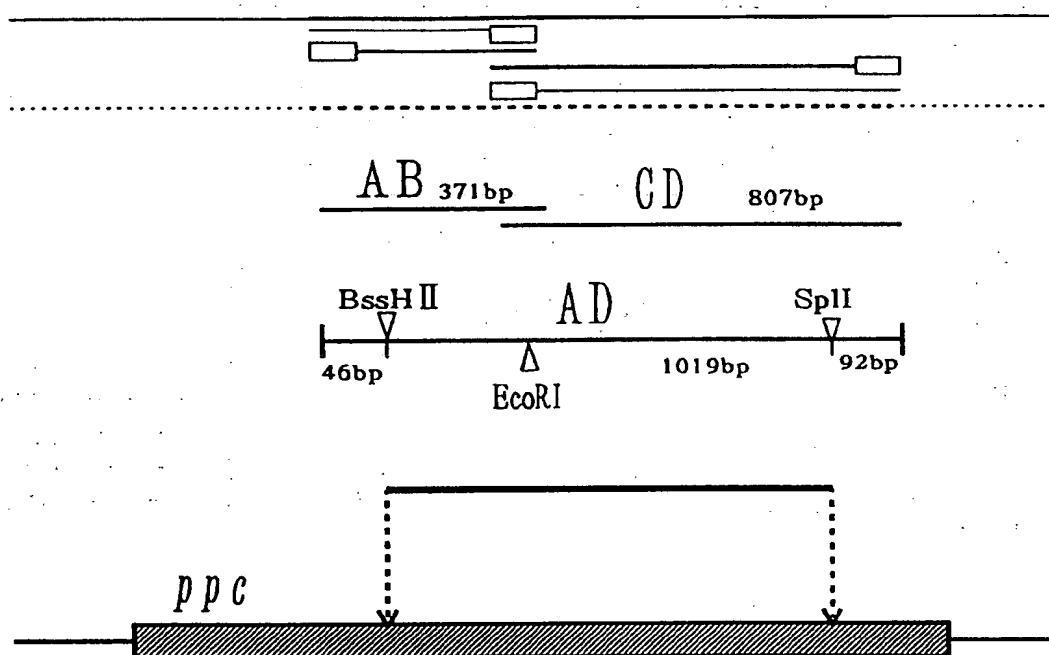


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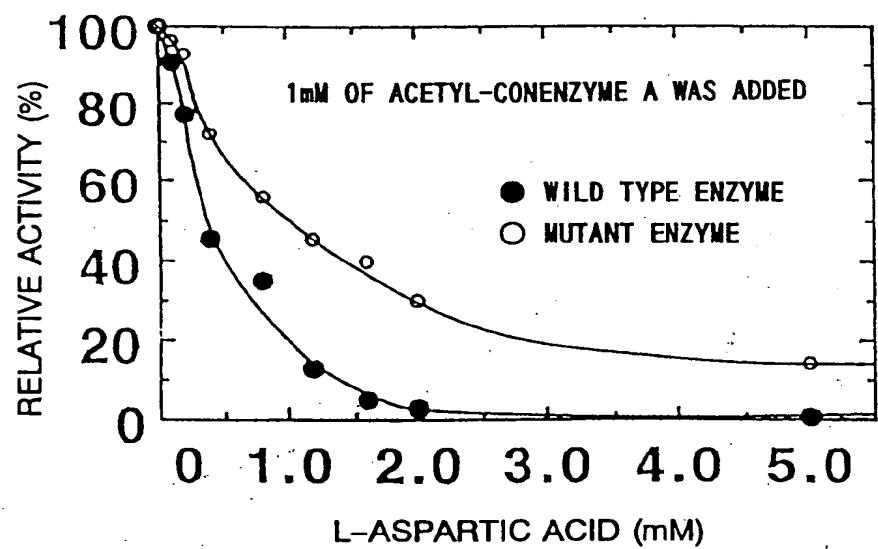
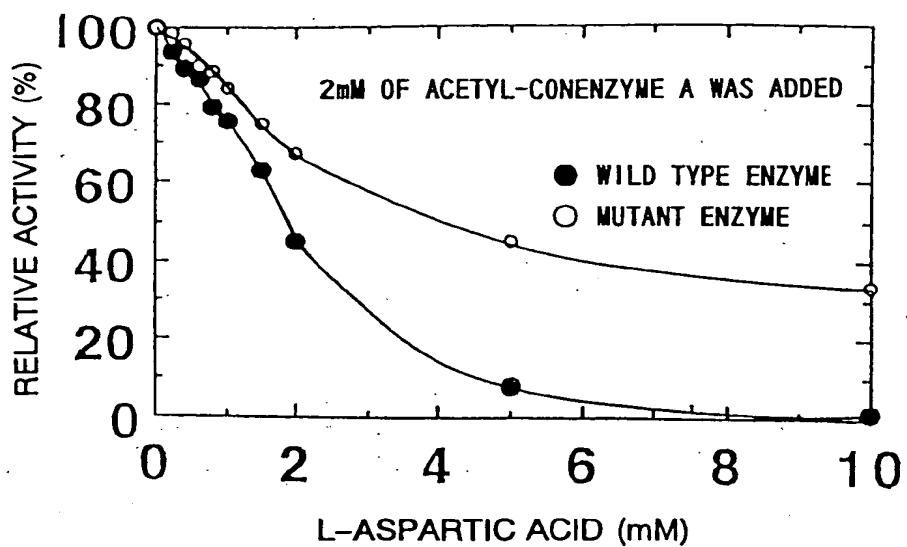
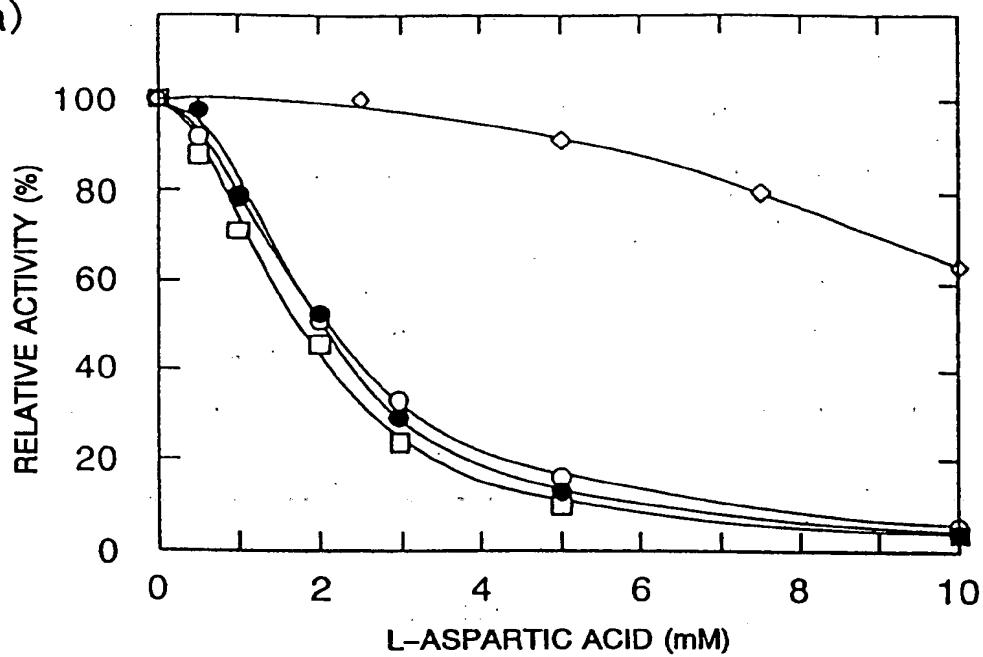
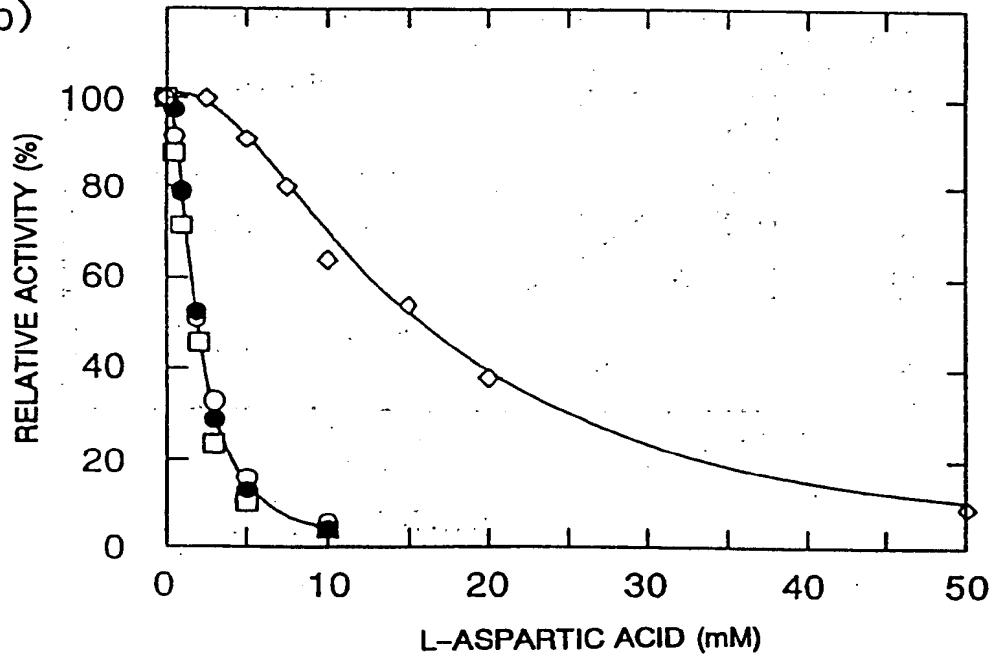


Fig. 12

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WILD TYPE ENZYME (●) K650A MUTANT ENZYME (○)
 K491A MUTANT ENZYME (□) K620S MUTANT ENZYME (◇)

Fig. 13

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